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Top Photo: Grand entry during the 2016 Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Tribal Election Roundup



A look at all the candidates on this year's ballot.

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2017 Festival Guide



Maps, honored family profiles and the full schedule of events for Festival.

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Each June, Citizen Potawatomi from across the world travel to the tribal headquarters in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma to celebrate their shared heritage and forge closer ties with friends and family. The 2017 Family Reunion Festival looks to be no different, with many new sights, upgraded facilities and familiar faces set to converge on the tribal home from June 23-25, 2017.

All attendees of Festival must register in person at FireLake Arena the day of their arrival to gain access to activities and events taking place on tribal grounds. Early registrations will take place Thursday, June 22, 2017 at FireLake Arena from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday at the same location.

Honored families for 2017 are Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet and Vieux. More information on these families can be found on page 15 of this *Hownikan*, and any members of these families should check the morning hours of the schedule for Saturday, June 24 to find the time for their family's group photo inside the powwow arena.

Five elections are on the ballot on the June 24 CPN Election Day. Incumbent John "Rocky" Barrett faces challenger Steve Castaneda for the tribe's highest executive office. CPN Legislative districts 1 and 2 have no challengers, meaning only incumbent Roy Slavin of District 1 and Eva Marie Carney of District 2 will be on the ballot for their races respectively. In CPN District 3, incumbent Robert Whistler faces challenger Jahn Eric Humphreys, while CPN District 4 Legislator Jon Boursaw is being challenged by Theresa Adame. Also on the ballot is the annual tribal budget.



Participants during the annual Gourd Dance honoring tribal veterans.

FireLake Golf Course will host a ribbon cutting for its re-opening on June 23, with plans for a 9-hole scramble to be held June 24. Tribal members are encouraged to visit the new clubhouse, which will be open for tours.

New interactive exhibits at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center will be on display for attendees at this year's event. For those who have not been to the CHC since June 2016, you're sure to find something new in the updated offerings at the tribal cultural center.

Registration and departures for tours of the CPN Eagle Aviary are done exclusively at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Museum displays, cultural exhibits and the Citizen Potawatomi Gift Shop are being prepared for the influx of Festival attendees keen on learning more about their shared heritage. The latter has supplies available for those last minute regalia needs, including several sewing machines and regalia making classes taking place before the Saturday night powwow. The gift shop

also has ready-made regalia, including ribbon shirts for men and shawls and dresses for women.

Regalia is an important part of one of Festival's main attractions, Saturday night's Grand Entry, where Potawatomi from across the Nation enter the powwow arena together as one tribe. Government leaders, led by Tribal Chairman Barrett, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale enter behind the CPN Veterans' Group Color Guard. The are followed by this year's honored families. Given the sacred nature of the powwow arena, it is vital that attendees wear appropriate dress; which includes slacks and ribbon shirts for men and shawls or dresses for women. Shorts and spaghetti strap tops are strongly discouraged.

Attendees should check their final schedule distributed at registration upon arrival, as it is subject to change. For more information on Festival, visit <http://cpn.news/festival2017>.





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Candidates for CPN Tribal Chairman



Name: John Rocky Barrett, *Keweoge* (He Leads Them Home)
Potawatomi family: Peltier and Bourassa
Residence: Shawnee, Oklahoma
Education: Shawnee High School, University of Oklahoma, Princeton University, Oklahoma City University
Occupation: Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman - 1985 to present | First National Bank and Trust Co. of Shawnee, Oklahoma: Chairman of the Board - 1989 to present | Cattle Rancher - BLC Angus Ranch - 500 head of Registered Angus cattle, cow/calf operation, bulls and replacement heifers - 1987 to present.
On why he believes running for the tribal chairman position is important: Running for Tribal Chairman is important to me to continue the progress the tribe has made over the past 32 years. In particular, the importance of seeing through the successful establishment of the most unique tribal governmental form in the United States, with a “virtual Tribal Legislature” that provides elected representation for every member no matter their home location, is vital. The completion of our development as a multi-faceted tourism and commercial attraction that pulls customers from hundreds of miles around us should now become a source of opportunity, homes and jobs for our people.
Letter to the voters:
Our tribe has used a process for many years called strategic planning as part of our annual budget and legislation process. This is easy - “unless.” Sometimes this can be a big “unless.”

The big “unless” faced in the last three years have been disruptive lawsuits filed by the City of Shawnee and State of Oklahoma to force us to be their tax collectors. Without exception, these lawsuits attempted to keep us from competing with either on a fair and equal basis on sales taxes and other forms of regulatory government powers.

This era is ending. We are winning because this is not new law and in each case, CPN defended a right protected under the United States Constitution.

The next four years will be some of the most exciting in our history for our banking opportunities. I’ve met with officials of the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve and all other tribally-owned bank leaders in the U.S. There are now 12 tribally owned banks and 18 owned by American Indians or families. Besides CPN’s First National Bank, two are private Citizen Potawatomi family-owned banks in operation for more than 100 years. We are fortunate to have John Anderson of Farmers and Merchants Bank, plus Jack Grimmert of Pauls Valley National Bank that also serve members of the First National Bank Board of Directors. It appears that banking laws are changing to allow Indian-owned banks to use federal loan guarantees for both homes and businesses - both on and off of the former reservation area. Look for these new developments to provide new services to our tribe!

I am very grateful to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to be elected as your tribal chairman for more than 30 years. It has been an honor and a privilege beyond my dreams. I can also say it has been the education of a lifetime. There is no other position in which I could have learned as much about government, law, banking and finance, design and construction, land planning, gaming, health services, Congress and the Oklahoma State Legislature. What a joy it has been to experience the thrill of seeing a project start out as dream and become a reality in just a few short years. Our tribe is on a strong, sound financial foundation; it manages our peoples’ money well, and has received national recognition for innovation and original thinking in tribal government and service to our people. These successes are not just mine - they are ours. All of us have played a part in this success. For that, my friends: *Migwetch* (Thank you), *Igweyen* (from my heart).

Keweoge - “He leads them home.” | John Rocky Barrett - Tribal Chairman



Name: Steve Daniel Shincis Castaneda, *E-conush* (Leader of Small Group)
Potawatomi family: Burnett
Residence: Shawnee, Oklahoma
Education: Los Banos High School (California), Merced Jr. College, Hartnell College (Salinas)
Occupation: Street Maintenance for City of Shawnee
On why he believes running for tribal chairman is important: My people suffered through the great Trails of Death to settle here in Oklahoma. With the words of the federal and local government, our lives would be better. Then with the Great Land Rush our lives were upturned again. Then our tribal office uses great words to give hope to all members, but only help a few in Oklahoma and not much to the members of this, once great people that we call Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribe. Now it’s time the tribe gives back to the tribal members. Every person counts and I am here for them.
Letter to the voters: To my fellow tribal members, it’s time to bring in a new leader with new ideas that is always going to have the best intentions for his members. The tribe is here for the people and they need a leader that’s there for them to. So vote this June for me Steve D. Castaneda and we can work together to grow our tribe and its members.

TRIBAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Who can Vote?

CPN members 18 or older on election day can vote in tribal elections.

Who's on the ballot for this year's election?

The office of tribal chairman, districts 1-4, and the annual tribal budget are up for vote.

How do I register to vote?

Ballot request forms are mailed out to eligible voters ahead of the June elections. Absentee ballot request forms must be post marked by June 4, 2017.

Who can vote for the tribal chairman and the district 1-4 candidates?

For district elections, only tribal members living in those specific districts can vote. For tribal chairman, all eligible CPN voters can cast a ballot.

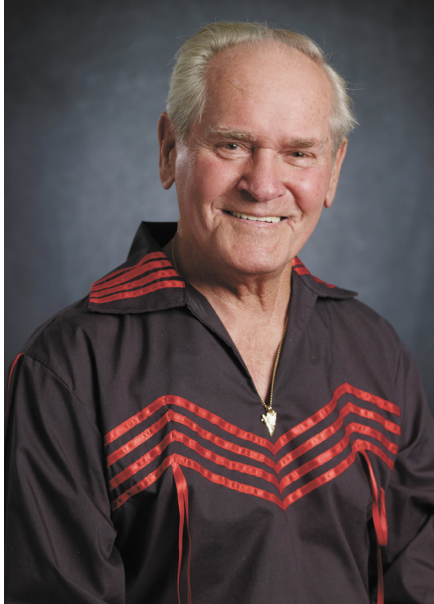
What is the annual budget?

The annual budget pays for the Nation's service projects and the executive branch of the tribe.

When does voting take place?

Voting takes place June 24, 2017 at Family Festival. Absentee ballots must be received at the CPN Election Commission's PO Box by 10 a.m. on June 24, 2017.

Candidate for CPN Legislative District 1



Name: Roy V. Slavin, *Netagtege* (Forever Planting)

Potawatomi family: Slavin

Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Education: U.S. Army Radio Operator School – Ft. Monmouth, N.J., U.S. Army Radio Repair School – Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

Occupation: Avionics Technician (retired)

On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “I ran because I see it as a way of giving back to the tribe.”

Letter to the voters:

Since I did not draw an opponent in the upcoming elections, I hope this means my constituents are satisfied with the job I have been doing.

My focus has been and will continue to be having meetings in my very large CPN District 1 in order to familiarize my constituents with the operation of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and give them the opportunity to meet their representatives and voice their opinions, concerns and approval.

As always, I will take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your representative.

* No other candidates filed to run in District 1

Candidate for CPN Legislative District 2



Name: Eva Marie Carney, *Ojindiskwe* (Blue Bird Woman)

Potawatomi family: Juneau

Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Education: Homewood High School (Alabama), University of San Francisco, Stanford Law School

Occupation: Attorney and CPN Legislator

On why she believes running for the tribal legislature is important: “Serving as your tribal legislator allows me to assist tribal members and our families on a wide array of matters, and to share what I learn along the way about our Potawatomi history and heritage. My Potawatomi name, Ojindiskwe/Bluebird Woman, keeps me motivated. This blue and red bird symbolizes the liveliness and optimism of the Citizen Potawatomi people, two qualities that I strive to bring to my daily work as your legislator.”

Letter to the voters:

I am delighted to be your legislator until (at least!) 2021. My top objective this term is to get to know more of you in our wide-ranging district – doing that will help me better represent you.

There are about 500 enrolled Citizen Potawatomi in each of Florida and Arkansas; between 200 and 300 in each of Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina; 100 or so in each of Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Maryland and Mississippi, and well under 100 in each of Kentucky, the District of Columbia and West Virginia. Each of you is important.

To meet more of you, this year I’ve hosted meetings in Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana. I will host our annual Fall Feast in Northern Virginia in November and another tour of the Suitland, Maryland Archives of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in December. In 2018-2019 I’ll be visiting Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and I’ll return to Arkansas and Florida. I’ll also continue hosting D.C.-area events like the Fall Feast and NMAI tours. Please visit my website, www.evamariecarney.com, from time to time, particularly, my ‘Calendar’ page, so you don’t miss a visit to your area or an event to which you might be able to travel.

I hope you will attend (and bring your families!) CPN events in your area, contact me by phone or mail, whenever needed, and share your email with me so I can keep you informed of district and national news and opportunities. Your thoughts on CPN programs, requests for information or assistance, and offers of resource information about which I may not be aware are very welcome. All this is how we’ll keep building our District 2 community!

Gratefully,

Legislator Eva Marie Carney/*Ojindiskwe* | ecarney@potawatomi.org or toll free: 866-961-6988

* No other candidates filed to run in District 2



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Candidates for CPN Legislative District 3



Name: Bob Whistler, *Bmashi* (He Soars)
Potawatomi family: Bourassa
Residence: Bedford, Texas
Education: Arkansas City High School (Kansas), San Diego City College, California State University Los Angeles
Occupation: Owner of “RedMan I am Promotions,” a distributorship for custom logo merchandise
On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: CPN has grown very dramatically and needs to be as diverse as possible. I am running for District 3 because I have experience in over eight industries in service, management, customer service and sales along with over nine years of government experience, that I can contribute towards our growth and future to benefit the constituents in district three and the nation.
Letter to the voters:
In recent years, CPN has grown almost tenfold, or 1,000 percent! We are moving into new enterprises to continue our growth, which is why I am running for re-election for CPN District 3. I have experience in more than eight different industries. This experience includes budgets, management, customer service, insurance, hospitals, mortuary, manufacturing and sales in the business world. I also have nine years of legislative experience and three years of city government experience. I will use this for our enterprise growth, and future to benefit the constituents in District 3 and the Nation. What I have to offer is years of experience in:
Government and business. By voting for me you get: **Best Of Both**

This will give you a diverse background and experience which compliments that of the rest of your elected representatives. My objective is to seek out more benefits and services to improve the life of you and your family. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you the last nine years and to continue, I need your vote!
Migwetch!
Bob Whistler/*Bmashi* (He soars)



Full name: Jahn Eric Humphreys
Potawatomi family: Slavin
Residence: San Leon, Texas
Education: Hillcrest High School (Texas), University of Houston, Mississippi College of Law
Occupation: Family Law Attorney
On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: I feel that it is very important for all of us to give back to our community. Only by all of us being involved and committed can we see our Nation strengthen and grow. Decisions and actions taken now will affect generations to come, and I want to help that future.
Letter to the voters:
Hello, (*Bozho*)
My name is Jahn Eric Humphreys, son of John Eckford Humphreys, son of Teresa (Slavin) Reed, and father of Jeremy Erin, grandfather of Carys Jane, and husband to Ms. Karla Rae for the last 27 years. I live in San Leon, Texas, on Galveston Bay, in Galveston County, Texas, where I am self-employed as an attorney specializing in family law, with an emphasis on the protection of children and families.
I graduated from University of Houston Downtown Campus with a Bachelor’s Degree in Petroleum Land Management in 1986 and graduated from Mississippi College School of Law, in Jackson, Mississippi in 1992.
I am past president of the Galveston County Family Bar Association and past president of the Galveston County Mediation Association. I am also a founding board member of the Bay Area Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter.
I am running for the District 3 legislative position for the simple reason that I want to be a meaningful part of Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s future in bringing tribal culture, medical care, education, economic assistance, political awareness and power to the people of this Nation.
I welcome your questions and opinions. Please call me or email me if you wish to ask me anything or if I can address a concern of yours.
Above all, please vote.
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Candidates for CPN Legislative District 4



Name: Jon E. Boursaw, *Wetase Mkoh* (Brave Bear)
Potawatomi family: Bourassa and Ogee
Residence: Topeka, Kansas
Education: Highland Park High School (Kansas), Washburn University, U.S. Air Force Squadron Officers School – Maxwell AFB, U.S. Air Force Academic Instructor’s Course, Maxwell AFB, U.S. Air Force Air and Command Staff College, Maxwell AFB, National Security Seminar, Ft. McNair, U.S. Air War College, Maxwell AFB, U.S. Air Force Base Commanders Course
Occupation: Retired, but was previously a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Assistant Vice President for Aetna Government Health Plans, Executive Director of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center
On why he believes running for the tribal legislature is important: I feel the Nation’s legislature is still in the process of maturing as a governing body and I believe that the combination of my extensive background, performance and experience as a legislator for the past four years is critical to this evolution of it becoming a more effective governing body.
Letter to the voters:
CPN District 4 Members,

This is the third time that my opponent and I have challenged for the position as your CPN District 4 legislative representative. The previous two elections have been decided by the narrowest of margins. I would like to see that margin much larger this year - obviously in my favor - but to achieve that I need your support. That support can only come in the form of a vote by you and the other members of your family who are eligible to vote.

During my current term as your District 4 representative, I have devoted considerable time and effort in serving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its members in Kansas by:

- a) Conducting annual district meetings in Kansas City, Rossville, Wichita and Garden City.
- b) Giving the CPN History presentation dozens of times over the past three years.
- c) Conducting numerous naming ceremonies in which more than 75 tribal members have received their Potawatomi names.
- d) Representing the Nation at meetings with the National Park Service which is developing plans for the Pappan Landing Park in Topeka.
- e) Participating with fellow CPN veterans in numerous color guard events.
- f) Representing the Nation as a member of the Shawnee County Historical Society Board of Trustees and late in 2016 I was selected to serve on the Kansas State Historical Foundation Board of Trustees, where I will also represent the Nation.
- g) Participating in several meetings with the Prairie Band Potawatomi on issues of common interest.

This does not include the numerous meetings, conversations and appointments I have had with tribal members on a wide variety of topics; such as enrollment, health care, housing, and scholarships.

I look forward to serving you for another four years.

Jon Boursaw, *Wetase Mkoh* | Bourassa/Ogee Families | District 4 Legislative Representative



Name: Theresa Adame, *Mdwejewen*
Potawatomi family: Navarre
Residence: Rossville and Delia area, Kansas
Occupation: 35 years in Business Administration
Education: Hayden Catholic High School (Kansas), Highland Junior College, Washburn University
On why she believes running for the tribal legislature is important: Soon after the election many people realized just how important their vote is. After much thought, I have agreed to run for office again. I have told my family and friends I am not going this path alone. I have a great team and I hope to represent all of Kansas once again.
Letter to the voters:
Thank you to the *Hownikan* for this opportunity to address the people of CPN District 4 in Kansas.

Growing up, I would walk into my grandmother’s house every Sunday seeing the photos of her four sons in military uniform, all WWII veterans. That familial example of service to nation has been a bigger influence on me than I ever imagined. I’m honored to use my skills to serve our Nation as well.

My CPN Nation has always had a special place in my heart. Growing up in Kansas, I did not have a close connection with my Oklahoma-based tribe. As I started that “learning journey,” I realized that other Kansans felt the same void. It’s been such fun to share what I’ve learned and help others along the path toward strengthening their heritage!

Because of that journey, I have learned much about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I’ve come to know the people who serve our nation, government departments, the budget process, senior citizen benefits and requirements of the position.

A 30+ year career in business management has honed my abilities to handle day-to-day aspects of a million dollar company. My skills have been used in a wide range of aspects, from negotiating federal contacts to caring for our pediatric patients - all critical assets to serve you in government.

Even though I didn’t serve you over the last four years, I’ve not stopped learning and working for the Nation. I would be honored to share the trip again.

I look forward to hearing your stories, navigating the bureaucracy and learning how we can improve our Nation together.

I’m a proud member of the Navarre family, and will be helping host the tribal Festival this year. I welcome questions there, or you can contact by phone/email. Please vote Adame for District 4 legislature.

CPN Family Reunion
**ADULT ART
CONTEST**

At 2017 Family Festival,
the art contest
will be in two divisions:

Professional

For artists who have been paid
for their work in the medium
that their submission is in.

*One overall prize awarded with
winners chosen by a vote of the
Potawatomi people taking place
inside the foyer of FireLake
Arena at Festival.*

Amateur

Created by artists not paid for
the piece or for other pieces
made in the same medium.

*Winners decided by judge
and three places will be
awarded in each of the
following categories:*

**1 - Photography/Painting
2 - Other**

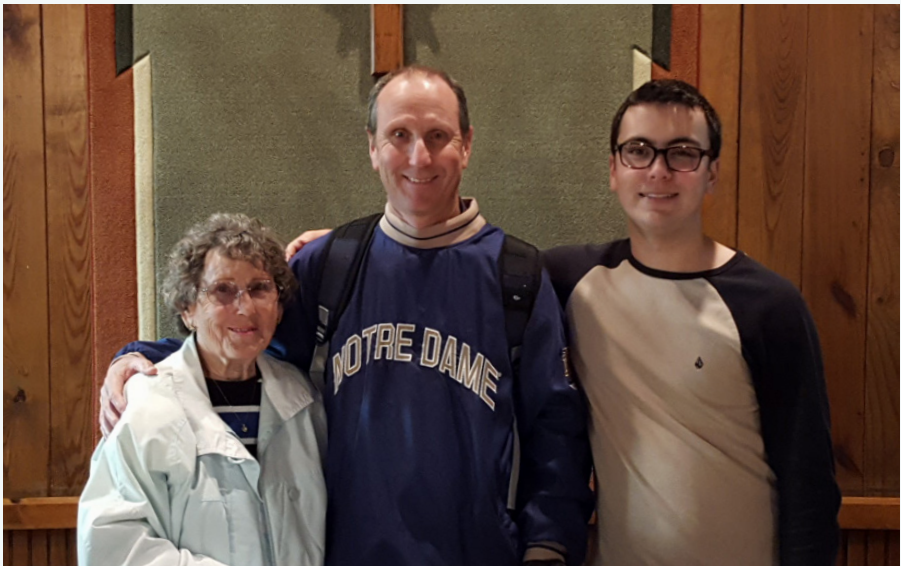
CPN Education update: June 2017

The following submission comes from a CPN student who has worked with the CPN Department of Education during the application process to college. If you are a Citizen Potawatomi and would like assistance, advice or information about higher education opportunities, please contact the CPN Department of Education at college@potawatomi.org, 405-275-3121 or visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/education>.

Three Generations of Potawatomi Visit the University of Notre Dame

By Alex Weishan

I am honored to be a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I am also a high school senior in San Diego, California and just wrapping up the whirlwind that is the college application season. I started this journey last fall when I took the SAT and began the arduous process of filling out college applications and fine-tuning my



Nadine, Patrick and Alex Weishan stand behind the Bertrand Alter inside Notre Dame's Log Chapel.

college essays. During this period, I also contacted the CPN Department of Education, who provided advisement and connected me with admissions officers for my prospective schools.

Fast forward to March of this year, as the college acceptances began rolling

in, my hard work paid off as I was accepted into all six universities that I applied to! I whittled it down to two universities, UCLA and the University of Notre Dame.

I had the honor of traveling to Notre Dame in late March with my parents and my grandparents; one of which is

my 86-year-old Potawatomi grandmother, Nadine Weishan (Vieux/Bertrand/Melot). As many of you know, Notre Dame has a deep connection to the Potawatomi. It was a thrill to visit spots on the campus with a rich history to our Potawatomi ancestors.

Making this trek from San Diego to South Bend, Indiana, with three generations of Potawatomi, was the highlight for me. I am incredibly happy that I was able to make this trip with my Potawatomi father and grandmother. I also want to thank Tesia Zientek, education director, in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Department of Education for her support and guidance.

Update: Following the submission of this article, Alex reached a decision and in the fall of 2017 will attend Notre Dame. As he wrote to CPN Education Director Tesia Zientek, he'll "become a Domer for life."

Language with Justin: June 2017

As Festival approaches, we have a lot of exciting learning opportunities at the Festival. We will have a number of classes during the event, with one specifically geared towards kids and another toward adults. We will also have the always popular Potawatomi Bingo where you can learn some language while having fun. We are also planning on bringing back the Potawatomi scavenger hunt. The questions will be in Potawatomi and you will have to read them and fill in the correct information.

It's always busy during the summer months for the CPN Language Department. We will be working with this year's Potawatomi Leadership Program attendees and finishing up our advanced, online language course.

Currently 'Beginner I' and 'Intermediate' are available online at language.potawatomi.org. These classes are self-paced and include videos, games, cultural teachings, a short prayer, some silly movie spoofs and quizzes and tests. Each course has 20 chapters of basic material in Potawatomi. We have had more than 500 hundred people take the online

courses. There are people from all over the country, Canada and even a soldier in Afghanistan. It is exciting that we can make learning the language accessible to a person anywhere and anytime. The course can be done on a computer, iPod or even your phone.

We also have a children's online course designed in a fun and interactive way. When you first go to the page you see a large town and then you click on one of the buildings and then have a choice between two different rooms. Once in a room you can click on different images in the room and find videos that will play learning videos, skits, songs, movies clips in Potawatomi and cultural teachings. The idea is for kids to explore and learn at the same time. The children's page is located at www.potawatomi.org/lang/resources

We also have a series of 20 cultural teaching videos originally designed for our online course. They are done with puppets, *Mesho* (grandfather) and a *Noseme* (grandchild.) They interact to learn more about our traditional ways such as teachings of the medicine wheel, the Seven Grand-



Participants mark their cards at Potawatomi bingo.

fathers, why tobacco is important to Potawatomi people, the importance of the eagle, cosmology and much more.

Niben kedwnen (Summer words)

Niben - Summer *This translates literally to "a time of plenty." (Nee bin)

Gshatemget - It is hot. (Guh shot dam get)

Cho gégo - Nothing (Cho gah go)

Nweshmo - I am resting. (Nuh wesh moe)

Byan shode - Come here (Bee yan show duh)

Jipteben nomek - Sit for a little while. (Jeep tuh bin no muck)

Gégo zhechkekén - Don't do that. (Ga goh zhich kay can)

Ni je eschegeyen? What are you doing? (Nee juh es chu gay yin)

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What's new at CPN in 2017? A lot!

Those traveling from out of state to the Family Reunion Festival routinely see a different landscape from the years before in and around the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake complex.

In 2017, the changes will be as evident as ever, with buildings rising out of corn fields, a once-closed bridge in the heart of the Festival grounds open for foot traffic and an upgraded FireLake Golf Course and exhibits at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center all on display for Citizen Potawatomi from around the country.

Squirrel Creek Bridge

Thought to be Pottawatomie County's oldest span, the Squirrel Creek Bridge is a familiar sight to many Festival attendees, most notable for being closed since 2013. Yet it'll be open for foot traffic at Festival after the CPN Roads Department utilized federal grant funds to rehabilitate the 100 year old single span rainbow arch bridge.

Workforce & Social Services Department and CPN Transit Program



The recently rehabilitated Squirrel Creek Bridge.

Rising from what was once a corn-field just northeast of the tribal administration building, two new buildings housing CPN Workforce & Social Services and the Transit Program stand as a testament to the tribe's growth since last Festival. The former has transitioned from its previous name, CPN Employment & Training Department, but provides many of the same services.

FireLake Golf Course

The only person more thrilled than Pottawatomie County golfers about the re-opening of FireLake Golf Course after nearly two years of renovations is Director Chris Chesser, who will have the new clubhouse and renovated course open exclusively for Festival attendees. The course will host a 9-hole, 72 person scramble and the new clubhouse will be

open for tours. Attendees are encouraged to join the clubhouse ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday morning before the tournament begins.

New exhibits at the Cultural Heritage Center

Stop by the Cultural Heritage Center to see new exhibits and a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. "Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces" tells the remarkable history of the brave American Indian and Alaska Native men and women who have served in the United States military. Tribal members will have the chance to learn more about the history and culture of the Potawatomi people with guided tours of the newly completed exhibits and the other activities that people have come to expect and enjoy.



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL 2017

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EXTEND YOUR FESTIVAL STAY

VISIT SOME OTHER SITES IN OKLAHOMA

By Tami Burwell, Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau

If you're in Oklahoma City for the annual Family Reunion Festival, you've picked the perfect time to visit because there's more to keep you entertained than ever before. From a new \$45 million whitewater rafting center, new exhibitions at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, to new attractions, restaurants and nightlife popping up weekly, Oklahoma City has transformed to a destination many are looking to explore.

WHAT'S NEW IN OKC'S ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

While in Oklahoma City, you will be busy catching up with others but when you find yourself with some free time, let us recommend a few must-see destinations. Downtown Oklahoma City is home to the Bricktown Entertainment District, offering you several restaurants, pubs, Dodgers Triple-A Baseball, live music and attractions such as the newest hot-spot for mini-golf, laser tag, games and pizza - Brickopolis. Stop by All About Cha for a coffee or a pastry. Shop for clothes, beef jerky or gifts at the all-new Jumpin Jackalope. Be sure to stop by the American Banjo Museum to see the newest exhibit of Roy Clark featuring stage outfits, instruments and other memorabilia belonging to Roy Clark. Bricktown also offers the Bricktown Water Taxi where you can get a fun narrated tour of the city all while offering drop-off points around Bricktown.



DOWNTOWN OKC OFFERS MUSEUMS AND MORE

Downtown OKC also offers world-class museums such as the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. Opening in June, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will offer their newest exhibit, "Kenhinde Wiley: A New Republic," which gives an overview of the artist's career including 60 of his oil paintings, stained glass and sculpture. Among other exhibits at the Museum, be sure to see the most comprehensive collection of Dale Chihuly including a 55-foot Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick Memorial Tower in the Museum's atrium. If you love art, be sure to stop in 21C Museum + Hotel for free art on their first floor with docent tours each Wednesday and Friday at 5pm. Stay for dinner and dine at Mary Eddy's inside 21C – offering a classic American cuisine where menu items such as the Campanella pasta, Charcuterie (made in-house) and roasted okra offer an Oklahoma twist that you're likely to crave once you leave OKC. And a trip to Oklahoma City is never complete without a tour inside the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. A tribute to those whose lives were affected by the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and the days, weeks and years that followed the bombing. The museum underwent a \$10M renovation in 2014 so if you've seen it before then, come back for digital upgrades, a new investigation area on Timothy McVeigh and an overlook window to the Outdoor Symbolic Park.



ADVENTURE MEETS THE WEST

Just northeast of downtown, Oklahoma City's Adventure District is packed full of family fun and western heritage. Make it a day at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Science Museum Oklahoma for kid-friendly fun, or have an adult night out and place your bet on more than 750 games at Remington Park Racing Casino. For a glimpse of the Wild West, experience the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, home to one of the most comprehensive collections of Western art in the world. They'll have several new exhibitions for you to see including "The Artistry of Western Paperback," "The Power & Prestige Children's Gallery" which takes visitors into the histories and cultures of the American Plains Indians, "Hollywood and the American West" and "A Yard of Turkey Red: The Western Bandanna." For the largest collection of military firearms, the 45th Infantry Museum is free and open Tuesday-Sunday in the Adventure District.



FOR THE ADVENTURE ENTHUSIASTS

Head to the Boathouse District for adventure on or off the water. Visitors can get active with RIVERSPORT Adventures, get out on the water with a kayak or stand up paddleboard or find fun on shore with the six-story SandRidge Sky Trail; the world's tallest adventure course. Once you've made your way to the top of the Sky Trail, you can slide back down one of America's tallest dry slides or feel the rush of an 80-foot free-fall with the Rumble Drop. The newly opened RIVERSPORT Rapids, an 11-acre state-of-the-art whitewater and kayaking center, is geared for plenty of family fun, but be prepared to get wet! If you're looking for the thrills of coasters and rides, OKC is home to Frontier City – a wild west theme park just off I-35 with more than 50 rides and attractions including the Wild West Gunfighters Stunt Show.

RELAX OUTDOORS

Take an evening to relax outdoors at Bleu Garten, the city's first permanent food truck park, where you'll find rotating food trucks daily, a full bar, TV's and games for everyone to get involved. See the city light up at night at the Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. Offering free movie nights and concerts on the lawn throughout the summer months, the Myriad Gardens is a must-see when in town. Or, try out OKC's newest up-and-coming district, the Wheeler District. It's the perfect backdrop for any photo as you stand in front of the giant O-K-C with the Santa Monica Pier Ferris Wheel lit up behind you. The Ferris Wheel just relocated to OKC last year after a bid on EBay won. Often there are food trucks surrounding the district, making for a fun relaxing time in OKC.

Enjoy the Reunion Festival while in town. As you can see, we've got plenty here to keep you entertained! For more information on all there is to see and do while in Oklahoma City go to www.VisitOKC.com.



Festival 2017: What you should know

Who are the honored families and what should those family members do?

The honored families for this year's Family Reunion Festival are the Bourassa, Burnett, Melot, Navarre, Peltier, Wamego, Willmet and Vieux. Every year the honored families are encouraged to participate in the Tribal Heritage Production videos to help archive each family's history.

Tribal Heritage Productions documents the culture and identity of tribal members by videotaping and producing family history videos which can be found at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Tribal members are encouraged to wear some type of Potawatomi regalia during the interview and can either be filmed as an individual, a couple or with their whole family. Times and dates for each family's interview are posted on the Festival schedule and occur throughout the three-day event.

Are family photos taken for the honored families? How does that work?

On Saturday at least an hour before General Council, honored families meet up at the powwow arena for a scheduled group photo. Make plans with your family before the day of the group photo. You might think about starting a Facebook group or something similar to help organize the group photo. A good idea is to have everyone in the same colored shirt. For each honored family you can wear different colored shirts to easily identify which family is which within the group photo of the honored family.

What is the process for donating items to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center?

Unfortunately the CHC staff is unable to accept any donations during the event given the legal, recording and conservational requirements needed to appropriately accept them.

There simply isn't enough time for the staff to adequately process the large amount of submissions made by tribal members during the three day gathering.

However, any other time of the year the CHC does accept donated items. The process is considerably long. Upon assessment, the CHC accepts a collection on a temporary basis or consideration status and submits it for approval by the CHC Collections Committee. Once approved, acquisitions are determined gift or loan and appropriate legal processes are completed.

What is the proper attire for Grand Entry and how can someone enter the competition dancing?

The powwow arena is a sacred area for the tribe and not wearing the proper attire is offensive. Every year people are dressed inappropriately - wearing items such as flip flops and shorts or bringing their pets in the arena. These things are not allowed and are some of the common mistakes we see each year.

Tribal members looking to participate in dancing during Grand Entry or the various social dances need to have adequate attire to do such. Men and boys need to have at least a ribbon shirt, closed toe shoes and pants. Women and girls need to have at least a skirt, their shoulders covered and closed toe shoes.



Proper dress is encouraged when participating in activities inside the powwow arena.

Competition dancers will need to sign up the day of the powwow to participate in the judged dances. For those interested in competition dancing and have never done such please watch the video PLP members Brian Wojahn and Kate Anderson made about showcasing the different styles of dance typically seen during the powwow. It can be seen at the CPN *Hownikan* YouTube page.

What are some options for people making their own regalia?

Those who are creating new regalia or additions to their regalia should start doing so several months before the events. If you are commissioning someone to make an item, even more time should be allowed to get your regalia done in time.

Anyone within driving distance to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center can attend their regalia making classes on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. Professional powwow dancer Leslie Deer instructs the class how to make anything from shawls and ribbon shirts

to blouses and applique. Sewing machines are provided but participants need to bring their own fabric and can be purchased at Fire-Lake Gifts.

For those unable to attend the classes look into the area you live in and if there are any similar classes you can attend. There are resources for regalia making classes online such as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Television show on YouTube, Making Regalia with Juquin Lonelodge.

During both events, the CHC will offer different regalia making classes including shawl making, bead working and moccasin making. Plenty of sewing machines will be available for those in need of making a quick repair or an addition to their regalia.

The 2017 Family Reunion Festival will take place June 23-25, 2017. For more information about the Family Reunion Festival please visit <http://cpn.news/festival2017>.

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Day of Champions Football and Sports Skills Camp at FireLake after Festival

The Day of Champions Football and Sports Skills Camp is set to return to Shawnee this June. The camp is co-hosted by Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Day of Champions Inc., which was founded by former collegiate football coach Ken Heupel and son, Josh, the 2000 national champion from the University of Oklahoma and current offensive coordinator at the University of Missouri. Potawatomi tribal members and children of tribal employees can participate at a subsidized price due to a donation from CPN.

“These camps have grown over the last 10 years, and with football and sports skills for softball, we’re able to offer it to both boys and girls,” said FireLake Wellness Center employee Sarah Lawerance, who helped organize the camp at CPN more than a decade ago.

Last year’s event hosted 128 campers, both boys and girls, who participated in sports skills training exer-



Campers go through drills at the Day of Champions Camp.

cises for football and softball. The campers are led by professional, collegiate and high school coaches who promote the camp’s four main principles amidst the physical instructions.

Coaches center all activities on discipline, trust, respect and hard work. The examples they give are as simple as showing that discipline can mean being the student sat at the front of

the class, or saying “please” and “thank you” as signs of respect.

Lawerance, whose connection to the Heupel family helped bring the camp to Citizen Potawatomi Nation more than a decade ago, described the impact of the event on a former camper who brought his own son a year ago.

“We had a man who came to camp 12 years ago and was going down the wrong path. The coaches helped change his point of view and this year, he brought own his son because he wants him to stay on the right path and learn the same things that he did,” she said at the close of the 2016 event.

This year’s event is on June 26, 2017 at FireLake Ball Fields. For more information contact slawerance@potawatomi.org or download the registration form at cpn.news/DOC2017.

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CPN Veterans report: June 2017

By Daryl Talbot, Commander of the CPN Veterans Group

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Lest we forget:

The months of May and June have a special purpose for this country, this tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the American veterans.

Our country and her tribes have experienced, and continues to experience, much conflict. Lest we forget those experiences we set aside a special time to collectively join together to remember our brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers who made the sacrifices to create our blessings we enjoy today. The veterans who made the sacrifices during the eras of WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam

Conflict and our current conflicts in the Middle East are remembered in May.

Our mothers, fathers and families who endured the Trail of Death are remembered during our Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival in June. We do these festivities lest we forget.

We owe our veterans and families more than we can ever repay by just remembering at festival times, but remembering them throughout the year. Make sure your children remember and understand.

Since this is June, the CPN Veterans Group will not host a meeting on the fourth Tuesday like we normally do each month. Check your Festival schedule when you arrive at the event on June 23 or online at <http://cpn.news/festival2017>, but we will have a large CPN Veterans Organization meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning, June 24.

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On ‘Point’ with her roots

A Citizen Potawatomi tribal member with a special talent traveled from California to learn more about her culture and to teach her craft to students at the CPN Child Development Center in Oklahoma this spring.

Kate Schoeman, a member of the Bertrand family, first put on a pair of ballet shoes as a 10-year-old in Orange County, California, much later than when most dancers take up the art.

She visited Oklahoma during her spring break and stayed for a week. On the second day of her stay, Schoeman, her mother Wendy, and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps went to Wanette, Oklahoma to get a glimpse of where her family once lived.

“Although their home is no longer standing in Wanette, we asked a local resident the approximate location of the old railroad tracks within the town where their home once stood.



Kate Schoeman demonstrates during a class at the tribal youth program.

“I started tap and got introduced to ballet. When I was twelve, I auditioned for Orange County School of the Arts and somehow I got in. That’s when I learned the bulk of my ballet and point technique and I learned modern dance as well,” Schoeman said.

She auditioned with 350 candidates just to be accepted into her high school. Schoeman was chosen with seven other students in her area of expertise.

She was introduced to the idea of coming to CPN through a camp at her school that specialized in community outreach. The camp teaches dance, drama, guitar, vocal and visual arts workshops to kids during summer break.

“I think because I wasn’t able to start ballet until I was about 10, and usually when people start they are a lot younger, I didn’t realize how much I liked it and I wish I would have started earlier. That really prompted me, especially with camp Camp Orange County School of the Arts, that I wanted to teach younger people about ballet and expose them to the kind of art form that I wish I would have been exposed to,” Schoeman said.

“It was a far-fetched conception, but I think Kate and her mother could at least visualize an approximate location of the family home,” Capps said.

Schoeman said that the only Citizen Potawatomi members she knows back home is her immediate family, so she enjoyed being able to see a little bit of Oklahoma with Vice-Chairman Capps.

“Overall, I feel very blessed, everybody in this community has been so nice. All of the kids were so willing to dance and everybody here loves it. It feels good to be able to have this opportunity...I’m just very grateful,” she said

Schoeman realizes that not everyone will be interested in ballet, but she hopes that they will learn about it and someday go see a ballet in person.

Schoeman currently works part-time at The Dance Spot, one of the highest-ranking competition dance studios in the nation, and attends school in Santa Ana, California. After college, she aspires to work in Disneyland performing arts and eventually pursue a career in medicine as a physical therapist using the experience she has had with dance injuries and rehabilitation.



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Please visit the CPN Department of Education table at Festival or email college@potawatomi.org for more information.

2017 Potawatomi Leadership Program participants announced

In June, 10 promising college students from across the country will travel to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal headquarters to participate in the six-week Potawatomi Leadership Program. Each of them have different backgrounds, but share the desire to learn more about their people and gain unique experiences with their tribe.

Connor Bickford – a sophomore at the University of Kansas – will travel from Olathe, Kansas to participate. An aspiring anesthesiologist, he is interested in learning more about CPN’s healthcare services and getting community involvement and leadership experience through this program.

”In attending one district meeting with my grandmother, I met more than five family members, ranging from great aunts and uncles to cousins, and it opened my eyes to the

iversity in the fall. Pride in his tribe is apparent even though he grew up thousands of miles from tribal headquarters and seeks to use a degree in criminal justice to work at CPN.

”My future plans are to join the tribal police and show our youth that law enforcement can be respected, but not feared,” Murphy said. “It is also a two way street, a mutual respect. Creating and implementing programs for tribal youth to interact with law enforcement on a mentorship level can enforce positive actions and goodwill in our youth.”

John Adams “Jackson” Barrett III – who was born and raised in Shawnee – will be the closest to home during the program. He even attended the CPN Child Development Center as a child. The Seminole State College sophomore decided to apply for the program after reading comments from past participants about memo-

show others how they can pursue the help they need is how I would like to help a portion of the tribal community, because addiction affects all ages and members of a family.”

Dylan Reece – who also is a sophomore at OBU – looks forward to connecting with other tribal members his age who are pursuing higher education and learning more about the economics and culture of his tribe.

”As a current business student at Oklahoma Baptist University, I have learned what the inside of the business world looks like and how it operates,” Reece said. “When I learned about my own tribe’s achievements in health care, cultural prestige, and public services I was very captivated by what I saw.”

Missouri native Christina Foster is pursuing a degree in art from the University of Central Missouri and

institutions and would love to learn more about his family history.

”As a perpetual student of history I find great pleasure in knowing the past, and learning about my own history would be an unimaginable experience. After finishing my undergraduate degree, I would like to attend the University of Oxford, then move onto Harvard’s Ph.D. dual-degree program,” he explained. “After doing all of this my long-term career goal is to run for elected office and voice the needs of minorities who receive little representation.”

Xaviera Stevens – a sophomore at Texas Woman’s University in Denton – is looking forward to learning the stories of the tribe and telling them to her four younger siblings and in various forms of media. She believes the best way to learn is through experience, which is why she was interested in the PLP.



depth of my family within the tribe,” said Bickford. “Now with this program, I am excited at the possibility of discovering more family.”

Alexandra Trousdale – an aspiring criminal attorney – will begin her sophomore year at University of Nevada, Las Vegas this fall after participating in the PLP. She hopes to make connections this summer that will help her grow in her heritage and career.

”Becoming more connected with the tribe allows me more opportunities to give back through what I learn in school and in practice,” she said. “Often times, attorneys are encouraged to take on pro-bono cases, which I will be able to do for members of my tribe given the opportunity and necessity.”

Gregory Murphy will be traveling the furthest from Valley Center, California to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the PLP this summer and then for his freshman year at St. Gregory’s Uni-

versities and friends made who are still close years later.

”We, as a tribe, need more young leaders to step up and take over the roles of our elders,” Barrett said. “I think that the Potawatomi Leadership Program will help me advance my leadership skills, gain more knowledge about the Tribe and its culture, and meet new people that I would not have had the opportunity to have met otherwise.”

College sophomore Kaitlyn Precure has been interested in her ancestry ever since she moved to Shawnee to attend Oklahoma Baptist University. Although her major is business management, she is also interested in learning more about Native peoples suffering from addiction.

”After participating in the PLP, I would like to use my experience to help people understand how addiction affects individuals differently and could even be related to genetics,” Precure said. “Being able to

hopes this experience provide greater awareness of her culture. She would like to create artwork featuring the tribe to preserve and create awareness for CPN heritage, as well as have the opportunity to learn the dancing of her ancestors.

”I have been instructed in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, contemporary, musical theatre, and hip hop, but I have never had the opportunity to learn and take part in native dancing in the truest sense. It would be an honor to learn and participate in traditional ceremonial dances,” Foster said. “I’ve also taken note of our Nation’s success due to effective leadership, and I would like to learn what makes it so successful and how the government works together to maintain balance.”

Three students from Texas will participate in the PLP this summer. Lubbock native John Wilkerson is a sophomore at Texas Tech University and studies political science and history. He said he is fascinated by the functions of various government

”I have been overseas twice now and each time it has given me a new and useful perspective on social and environmental issues,” she said. “The leadership program will, like leaving the country, give me an up close understanding of another culture.”

Dallas native Mary Darwin is another student taking advantage of the partnership between CPN and St. Gregory’s University. The sophomore psychology and history major is the vice president of the CPN club at the university and completed the Potawatomi language course.

”I helped create the club constitution, make moccasins and inform fellow club leaders as the club parliamentarian,” she said. “As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, I feel that it is not only important but imperative to continue the heritage of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to further our culture.”

To learn more about the PLP, please visit plp.potawatomi.org.

House of Hope secures grant funding for victims shelter

Though the Citizen Potawatomi Nation House of Hope program has had an emergency shelter for victims fleeing domestic violence since 2016, a constant challenge was keeping staff on duty full time. Like many ills that plague society though, incidents of domestic violence don't keep a 9-5 schedule, thus making it a struggle to keep the shelter open when victims may be ready to flee.

Through diligent work with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Office of Tribal Self-Governance Office though, funding to staff the shelter full time is now available through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for more than \$899,000. The funding was approved by the DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women to be strengthen effective responses against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

"Before the award, we had the facility but we didn't have the staff to keep it open full time," said House of Hope Director Tiffany Barrett. "Unfortunately that led to a higher demand in our service area than what we and our partners could provide. We ended up in situations more than once before our shelter was ready where we had to pay for hotel rooms to get them away from their abusers."



Tiffany Barrett at the House of Hope Shelter in Tecumseh.

The grant's direct costs will go to salary and costs for three part-time shelter workers and four current House of Hope staff members. Support services like transitional housing assistance, food, wardrobe and fuel costs will also be used from the grant funds for those escaping an abusive partner.

"Without our help, these women would be forced to go back to their abuser for some sort of financial assistance," explained Barrett. "We want to empower them to break free

of that so the crisis intervention service dollars helps them, even if they don't need housing specifically."

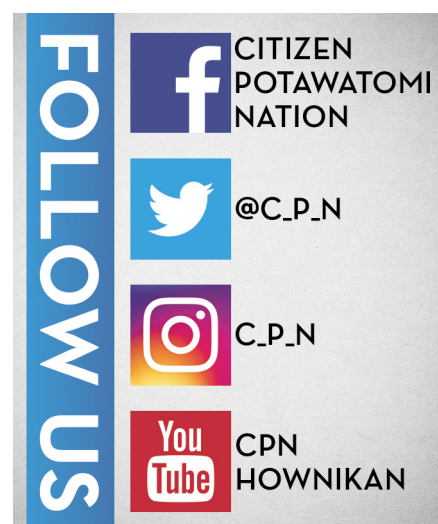
The shelter, located in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area at an undisclosed location, is open to all women and their children. It can house four singles and three families at the same time for up to 30 days. Though the shelter is not open to men, the House of Hope does have information and resources open to those finding themselves in abusive relationships and encourages men seeking such

services to contact them by phone at 405-275-3176.

The House of Hope shelter has 24-hour video surveillance, indoor and outdoor activity areas for adults and children as well as adult and child advocates and parental support groups.

"We're very grateful to receive the grant and we look forward to being able to assist victims of domestic violence with it," said Barrett.

If you would like to learn more about the shelter or the Citizen Potawatomi Nation House of Hope, please contact them at 800-799-7233 or visit their website at www.cpnhouseofhope.com.



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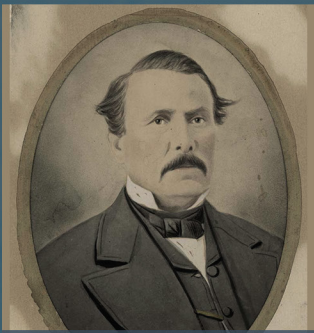
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We must continue to rekindle our ceremonies, traditions, and language for future generations. It has been my honor to support these initiatives and to serve as your Tribal Chairman.

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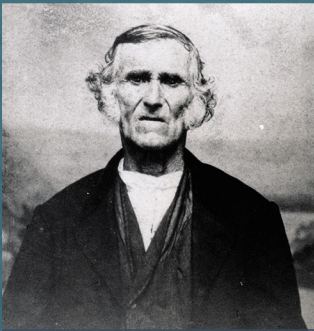
BOURASSA

Joseph Napoleon Bourassa was a well educated member who studied law at several institutions, In 1832, he became an instructor at the Choctaw Academy and taught healing herbal practices. He settled with his brother, Jude, in Kansas territory. Jude was a great businessman and Joseph was considered quite intellectual. He wrote the biography of Chief Waubunsee and strongly supported the education of Indian boys and girls.



BURNETT

Abram B. Burnett was born in Muncie, IN. At a young age, he moved all over Michigan and Indiana with his father and grandfather, Chief Chee-baas. After his father died, he was adopted by his mother's cousin and namesake, Abraham Burnett, who was half Potawatomi. After attending Choctaw Academy, Abram became a United States interpreter and went west with the tribe when moved to Kansas.



NAVARRE

Angelique, daughter of Chief Waubunsee, married Pierre Freischutz Navarre, the first settler in present day St. Joseph County, Indiana, who came as an agent of the American Fur Company in 1820 from Michigan. Together they had six children. Pierre and Angelique's family built a log cabin on the north side of the St. Joseph River, an area now called Navarre Place. This was the first home to be erected in the county. Pierre was very loyal to the Potawatomi, traded with them, and he travelled west with them from Michigan. He later returned home to his cabin which is now permanently moved to Leeper Park in South Bend, IN for preservation.



MELOT

Frances Theresa Navarre, daughter of Pierre and Angelique Navarre, and granddaughter of Chief Waubunsee met and married Claude Melot, the son of French settlers, who migrated from the Great Lakes region through Indiana. Soon after marriage, they joined family members in Wamego, Kansas and raised 10 children. Due to rising crime, the Melot family moved to Wanette, Oklahoma where Claude spent his time working on their 240-acre allotment. Claude and Theresa raised their children with a mix of French ideals and Potawatomi traditions.



VIEUX

Louis Vieux was one of the most respected men in the Potawatomi territory during his time. Having both Potawatomi and French descent, Louis served as the business agent and interpreter for the tribe. In the 1850s and 1860s he operated his own toll bridge on what is now the crumbling St. John span across the Vermillion River in Indiana. He was married twice and had several children.



PELTIER

Oliver Peltier, married to Ozetta Bourassa Peltier, served as a deputy U.S. Marshall chasing bootleggers all over Pottawattomie County, Oklahoma. He looked after many of the tribal people in this jurisdiction, and was a regular at festivities and dances. Their daughter, Kathleen, was one of the first women in Oklahoma to serve in the armed forces.



WAMEGO

The city of Wamego, KS. was founded in 1866 as a support community for the Kansas Pacific Railroad. The name of the city and county of which Wamego is located is believed to be derived from the Potawatomi Tribal Chief Wamego of the Thunderbird clan due to his generous hospitality to all who crossed his path. The name Wamego is said to be interpreted several different ways, including "running water," "clear of swamps," or "Many towns in one."



WILLMET

Archange Chevallier was the daughter of a Potawatomi woman Chopa/Marianne and French fur trader Pierese Chevallier. In the 1790's she married Antoine Ouilmette with whom she had 8 children. By the Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829, they were granted two sections of 1,280 acres comprising the present sites of north Evanston and Wilmette, IN. When the Potawatomi were relocated west of the Mississippi in 1835, Archange and her husband left Chicago and followed in 1836.

2017 HONORED FAMILY INTERVIEW SCHEDULE | SATURDAY, JUNE 24

AT THE HERITAGE CENTER

8:00 - 9:15AM **BOURASSA & BURNETT**
9:15 - 10:30AM **MELOT & NAVARRE**
10:30 - 11:45AM **PELTIER & VIEUX**
1:00 - 2:15PM **WAMEGO & WILLMET**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - THURSDAY

- 12:00pm

FireLake Arena
Registration begins • ends at 7pm
- 4:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center
Smithsonian Exhibit ribbon cutting ceremony • ends at 6pm

- 6:00pm

Golf Course
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

FRIDAY

- 5:00am

Wellness Center
Wellness Center open house • ends at 5pm
- 7:00am

Cultural Heritage Center
Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11am Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center
*Registration at Cultural Heritage Center • **Must sign-up.***
- 8:00am

FireLake Arena
Registration begins • ends at 8:30pm
Census and emergency contact update - west side of Arena
Tribal ID cards being printed • ends at 8:30pm
Cultural Heritage Center
Tribal heritage family and veterans interviews • ends at 5:30pm
Potawatomi Gift Shop opens • ends at 5:30pm
Clinics
East and West clinics open • ends at 5pm
- 8:30am

South Reunion Hall
Children's fingerprinting • ends at 5:30pm
- 9:00am

Cultural Heritage Center
Bandolier making class • ends at 10am
Shawl/Men's Sash Fringing class • ends at noon
charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch
Appliqué class • ends at noon
Moccasin making class • ends at noon
\$35 for supplies - limited to first 15 people
Earring making class • ends at 11:30am
Medicine bag necklace class • ends at 11:30am
Kids Activities
Youth arts & crafts - Tribal Headquarters • ends at 11:30am
Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds
Swimming pool at powwow grounds opens • ends at 7pm
- 10:00am

Powwow Grounds
Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna served until 10pm
Located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds
Fry bread served until 6:30pm • Pavilions
Drumming and dancing demo
Bowling Center
Open until midnight • \$2 per game with festival badge
Ballfields
Softball tournament sign-up • 16 & older • ends at 2pm
Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities
Swimming pool open • closes at 7pm
Coloring contest • 3-10 yrs old
Chess and checkers sign-ups • 15 & under
Rainbow Arch Bridge
Ribbon cutting ceremony
- 10:30am

Cultural Heritage Center
Flute playing demonstration and flute showcase • ends at noon
- 11:00am

Powwow Grounds
Registration for adult & teenage pool tournament • ends at 12:30pm
Youth tent on powwow grounds
Cultural Heritage Center
Choker and necklace making class • ends at noon
- 11:30am

Pavilions
Corn soup • served until 1pm

- 12:00pm

Powwow Grounds
Vendors arts & crafts opens
- 1:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center
Finger weaving class - 15 student limit • ends at 2:30pm
Shawl/Men's Sash Fringing class • ends at 4pm
charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch
Moccasin Ear appliqué class - must bring moccasins • ends at 4pm
Beading class - must bring moccasins/medicine bag • ends at 4pm
Appliqué class • ends at 4pm
Moccasin making class • ends at 4pm
\$35 for supplies - limited to first 15 people
Powwow Grounds
Adult & teenage pool tournament • 16 & older - Tent located at south side of FireLake water tower
Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities
Youth arts & crafts • ends at 4pm
Children's activities • 15 & under
Chess and checkers • 15 & under
- 2:00pm

Cultural Heritage Center
Eagle Aviary demonstration • ends at 4pm
- 2:30pm

Cultural Heritage Center
Finger weaving class - 15 student limit • ends at 4pm
- 3:00pm

BDC Gun Room
Bullseye pistol match
- 5:00pm

Game Pavilions
Chess tournament • west of north reunion hall
Registration at 4pm • 16 & older
North Reunion Hall
Potawatomi Bingo • ends at 6pm
Sharps Campgrounds
Horseshoe tournament registration • 16 & older
- 5:30pm

Food Pavilions
Dinner • served until 7:30pm
Round House
Traditional hand games registration • 16 & older
Cultural Heritage Center
Closed for the night
- 6:00pm

Game Pavilions
Domino tournament • west of north reunion hall • 16 & older
Sharps Campgrounds
Horseshoe tournament • 16 & older
Game Pavilions
Checkers tournament registration • 16 & older
Powwow Grounds
Registration for dance under the stars and dance contest
Tent located at south side of Firelake Water Tower
- 6:30pm

Roundhouse
Traditional hand games • 16 & older
- 7:00pm

Game Pavilions
Checkers tournament • 16 & older
Powwow Grounds
Dance under the stars and dance contest • Live DJ
Tent located at south side of Firelake water tower

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FAQS ABOUT FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL



Can I bring my dog into the arena?
No, there are no dogs allowed. The arena is a sacred area.



How to report a lost child at Festival?
At every gate there is either a security officer or a police officer. Report a missing child to the nearest officer or call tribal police at 405.878.4818 and they will help you find your child.



What are the ages for children to participate at the Child Development Center?
Children need to be 15-years old or younger.



What do I wear in the dance arena?
Women should wear a skirt with a shawl and men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt.



Can I bring my neighbor?
Festival is for CPN members and their immediate family (those dependents living in the home of the tribal member).



How do I vote?
Voting takes place in the CPN District Courtroom inside the administration building on Saturday, June 24 from 7AM to 2PM. Tribal ID is required to vote.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - SATURDAY

6:00am	Wellness Center Wellness Center open house • ends at 3pm
7:00am	Cultural Heritage Center Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11am Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center <i>Registration at Cultural Heritage Center • Must sign-up.</i> Tribal Headquarters Voting opens • ends at 2pm - Tribal Courtroom Golf Course 5K Fun Run/Walk - <i>Registration at 6:45am</i> FireLake Arena Tribal ID cards being printed • ends at 2pm Sharp House Talking circle
7:30am	Powwow Grounds Breakfast • served until 9am Golf Course <i>Golf Tournament registration begins • 4-person scramble.</i> Limited to the first 80 players • <i>16 & older • Must register in person</i> BDC Gun Room <i>Registration for Bullseye pistol match</i>
8:00am	Clinics East and West clinics open • ends at 3pm Cultural Heritage Center Bourassa/Burnett honored family interviews • ends at 9:15am Potawatomi Gift Shop opens until 2:30pm • reopens at 5pm FireLake Arena Registration begins • Closes at 2:30pm for general council Will reopen at 4:30pm and remain open until 8pm West side of Arena Veterans’ Meeting Census and emergency contact update - west side of Arena Pavilions Fry bread making demonstration and competition • 16 & older Tag Agency Tag Office open • closes at 3pm
8:30am	Golf Course Golf tournament begins Clinics Health fair - Health Services at East and West Clinic • ends at 3pm South Reunion Hall Children’s fingerprinting • ends at 5:30pm
9:00am	Cultural Heritage Center Necklace/Choker making class • ends at noon Shawl/Men’s Sash Fringing class • ends at noon charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Earring making class - various styles • ends at noon Appliqué class • ends at noon Moccasin making class • ends at noon \$35 for supplies - limited to first 15 people Beading class • ends at noon FireLake Arena <i>Adult art competition registration - amateur and professional • ends at noon • 16 & older</i> Winners announced at General Council The PLACE 3 on 3 basketball tournament • 16 & older - <i>Registration at 8am</i> BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 1st relay Powwow Grounds Children’s archery practice - west side of grounds • 15 & under Kids Activities Youth arts & crafts - Tribal Headquarters • ends at 11:30am Youth basketball 3 on 3 • 14 & under - Tribal Headquarters Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds • 15 & under Swimming pool at powwow grounds open • closes at 5pm
9:15am	Cultural Heritage Center Melot/Navarre honored family interviews • ends 10:30am

9:30am	Round House Flag retirement ceremony - west side of round house
10:00am	BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 2nd relay Ballfields Softball tournament - <i>Registration at 10am • 16 & older</i> Bowling Center Open until midnight • \$2 per game with festival badge Pavilions Fry bread served • ends at 6:30pm North Reunion Hall Potawatomi language immersion class Powwow Grounds Family photos Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna • ends at 10pm Located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds Drumming and dancing demo Archery competition - west side of powwow grounds <i>Registration at 9am • 16 & older</i> Kids Activities Swimming pool open - Tribal Headquarters • closes at 5pm Children’s art competition - Tent located south side of the FireLake Water Tower - <i>Registration at 9am • 15 & under</i>
10:30am	Cultural Heritage Center Peltier/Vieux honored family interviews • ends at 11:45am Flute playing demonstration & flute showcase • ends at noon Wellness Center Cooking demo
11:00am	Ballfields Youth softball throwing contest • 15 & under BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 3rd relay
11:30am	Powwow Grounds Lunch • served until 1pm Pavilions Corn soup • served until 1pm
12:00pm	North Reunion Hall Potawatomi language bingo
1:00pm	Cultural Heritage Center Eagle Aviary demonstration • ends at 2:15pm Wamego/Willmet honored family interviews • ends at 2:15pm Kids Activity Youth arts & crafts - Tribal Headquarters • ends at 4pm
2:00pm	North Reunion Hall Potawatomi children’s language class
2:45pm	Cultural Heritage Center Closed for general council - reopens at 5pm
3:00pm	FireLake Arena General council • <i>Registration will be closed during this time</i>
5:00pm	Cultural Heritage Center Potawatomi Gift Shop reopens • closes at 6pm Tribal Headquarters Swimming pool closed for the day Powwow Grounds Swimming pool closed for the day
5:30pm	Powwow Grounds Gourd dancing Dinner • served until 7:30pm
6:00pm	Cultural Heritage Center Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day
8:00pm	Powwow Grounds Grand entry

SUNDAY

7:00am	Sharp House Traditional ceremonies - Prayer circle
7:30am	Powwow Grounds Breakfast • served until 10am
8:00am	Cultural Heritage Center Potawatomi Gift Shop open • closes at noon Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour starting at 11am. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center. Must sign up
9:00am	Kid Activities Youth arts & crafts - Tribal Headquarters • ends at 11:30am Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds Swimming Pool at powwow grounds open • closes at 2pm
10:00am	Powwow Grounds Hot dogs and brats served until noon

10:30am	Mission Hill Church Church services - Church just north of health clinic
11:30am	Powwow Grounds Lunch • served until 1pm
12:00pm	FireLake Mini-Putt Mini-Putt Tournament • <i>Registration at 11am</i> Mission Hill Church Hymnals in Potawatomi
12:30pm	Cultural Heritage Center Cultural Heritage Center closes for the weekend
2:00pm	Dance Arena Volleyball - <i>Registration at 1pm • 16 & older</i>

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BDC GUN ROOM

HARDESTY RD

BOWLING CENTER

SUBWAY

FIRELAKE CASINO

CORNER STORE

BANK

TRANSIT PROGRAM

WORKFORCE & SOCIAL SERVICES

WIC

REGISTRATION

ARENA

FIRELAKE DISCOUNT FOODS

FIRELAKE PIZZA

FIRELAKE FRY BREAD TACO



MBISH DR

FOOD AND GAME PAVILIONS

PLAYGROUND

TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

VOTING

SQUIRREL CREEK

GOLF COURSE

RV PARKING NO CARS

PRAYER CIRCLE

ROUND HOUSE

DANCE ARENA

NORTH REUNION HALL

MINI PUTT

POOL

PARKING NO RVs

SOUTH REUNION HALL

VENDORS

HERITAGE RD

SHARP HOUSE

RANGELINE RD

DR LEON COMBS DR

BOURBONNAIS CABIN

GOLF CLUBHOUSE

GOLF COURSE PARKING AND ENTRANCE

CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

PARKING

CPN CLINIC

WELLNESS CENTER

THE PLACE

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- POWWOW GROUNDS
- TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS
- PARKING
- RV PARKING
- COOL DOWN AREAS
 - ARENA
 - SOUTH REUNION HALL
- FIRST AID STATIONS
 - NORTH REUNION HALL
 - CLINIC
- FUEL
- RESTROOMS
- TORNADO SHELTER
 - ARENA
- TRIBAL POLICE
- INFORMATION BOOTH

RE-ELECT JOHN “ROCKY” BARRETT FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



FROM WHERE WE STARTED - TO WHERE WE ARE NOW.
BECAUSE EACH OF US “PLANTED THE SEED CORN”
BY GIVING BACK TO THE TRIBE

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS JUNE FOR RE-ELECTION AS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

PAID FOR BY JOHN “ROCKY” BARRETT (KEWEOGE – “HE LEADS THEM HOME”), SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA.

RE-ELECT JON BOURSABW
DIST 4 REPRESENTATIVE



2013
WITH GOVERNOR BROWNBACK AT THE SUGAR CREEK RESERVATION FOR THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POTAWATOMI TRAIL OF DEATH.

2014
JOINED JIM CODER IN UNVEILING OF THE REPLACEMENT SIGN ON THE BRIDGE OVER BOURBONNAIS CREEK LOCATED BETWEEN ROSSVILLE AND ST. MARYS. JIM IS A BOURBONNAIS DESCENDANT.



2015
WHO NEEDS A LAPTOP AND PROJECTOR? I GAVE THE CPN HISTORY PRESENTATION AT BILL BRETHOUR’S RANCH. BILL’S RANCH IS JUST EAST OF MAPLE HILL AND IS THE LOCATION OF JUDE BOURASSA’S HOME SITE AND GRIST MILL ON MILL CREEK.

2016
THIS PHOTO OF 4 CPN VETERANS AT THE ANNUAL MASSING OF COLORS AT THE GREAT OVERLAND STATION IN TOPEKA IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MY INVOLVEMENT IN TRIBAL VETERANS ACTIVITIES.



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Indiana declares Indian Day

By Janet Pearl, *Wichap Gishek*
(Blue Sky)

It was a bright sunny day in Rochester, Indiana, when more than 200 people of many faiths came together in a Catholic church to honor Native Americans for the State of Indiana's Indian Day on April 22.

The first time the Potawatomi marched down Main Street in Rochester was in September 1838, when Indiana government officials followed President Andrew Jackson's orders to forcibly remove Native Americans from their homeland. That was during the beginning days of what came to be known as the Trail of Death, a 600-plus mile route followed on foot, horseback and wagons by the Potawatomi from Indiana to Kansas.

Along the way, more than 40 Potawatomi died from sickness and exposure, thus the arduous two-month journey being named the "Trail of Death." Marchers travelled 10 to 15 miles on most days to reach Sugar Creek, Kansas, close to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. There was no fresh water and many succumbed to typhoid fever after drinking tainted water.

The Indians were accompanied by a French missionary priest, Father Benjamin Petit, who wrote daily letters of what happened on the trail, including the number of births and baptisms and the number of deaths and burials along the way. When the Potawatomi arrived in Sugar Creek there were no dwellings, crops or livestock to support themselves. They ended up huddled in dug-out caves wrapped in buckskin and blankets to keep out the cold winter winds of the Great Plains. Father Petit, himself gravely ill, had to leave his beloved people behind to return



Robert Pearl speaks to the Indiana Indian Day attendees about the Potawatomi Trail of Death.

to St. Louis. There he died at 28 after being ravaged by the same disease that befell many of the Potawatomi.

On April 22, 2017, Indiana residents gathered in Rochester, Indiana, to let the Potawatomi and other tribes know of their sorrow for what happened to the Native Americans of the state. Traffic on Main Street was blocked by police cruisers as the local Catholic priest, Father Mike McKinney, blessed the road with holy water and reclaimed it for peace.

Robert Pearl*, *Kiwezi* (Honored Person), a Citizen Potawatomi Nation elder, was called upon to speak for the Potawatomi that day. He told the story of his great-grandmother, Theresa, who was a young girl on the Trail of Death. She survived, eventually moved from Sugar Creek to St. Marys, Kansas, married James

Slavin and went on to have a family. Pearl, 91, is a direct descendant of that little girl, Theresa Slavin.

Pearl expressed the importance of the subsequent generations keeping the story alive so all will remember the hardships encountered as a result of the Trail of Death.

"I remember my mother gathering us children around the kitchen table and telling us of the long walk that was taken by her grandmother," he said.

Pearl, the father of five, grandfather of six and a new great grandfather, said he has tried to educate his family about this sad chapter in American history.

"Please tell your children and grandchildren that it is the concern and the love that is being shown to us today that has helped us survive this terri-

ble crisis of our past. We are glad you are here and we wish to bond together in solidarity," he told the crowd that filled St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester.

The event concluded with a Menno-nite prayer and the singing of "Peace is Flowing like a River," a hymn led by Father McKinney, pastor of St. Joseph.

Shirley Willard, of the Fulton County, Indiana Historical Society, had requested Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issue an official apology for the forced removals mandated by the state. Kansas apologized to the Native American Indians in 2013 and Congress in 2010.

The governor of Indiana sent a proclamation that was read at the ceremony, noting that April 22 was Indiana Indian Day. The governor's proclamation was presented to Rocky Barrett on April 29 at a CPN District meeting there by Willard on the campus of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, which once was Potawatomi land.

In the period of 1820-1851, many Native American Indians from a total of 14 different tribes were forced to leave Indiana and go west of the Mississippi River so that white settlers could purchase their land, Willard wrote in the apology from the citizens of Indiana.

"We acknowledge the loss of homeland, suffering and death which resulted, and the deep depression that still exists. The Indiana government did not foresee the tragic results. Our hearts go out to the descendants and we wish to make a treaty of the heart with them," Willard said. "I think God wants us to apologize to the Indians."

**Mr. Pearl is the father of the author.*

New visitor at CPN Eagle Aviary

In late March 2017 a new and unexpected visitor arrived at the Citizen Potawatomi Eagle Aviary.

A sub-adult male bald eagle flew in to the aviary grounds, located on private, tribal lands south of the North Canadian River.

"He made himself right at home and we have seen him daily," said CPN Eagle Aviary Director Jennifer Randell. "We think it may be because he is a juvenile, he is curious about the other eagles here."

Randell reported that the visiting eagle is often perched high in the big pecan tree in front of the aviary each day at sunrise. The location is interesting given that Wadasé Zhabwé, a bald eagle rehabilitated and released by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in 2013, uses the very same perch when she visits.

The newcomer has taken many flights around the aviary's half

round enclosure where the CPN Aviary eagles are housed.

"It's as if he is seeing how big of a response he can get from eagles in the enclosure. Last week, he showed up with a guest that appeared to be year younger female. She stayed just a few days before moving on," said Randell.

The aviary houses several non-releasable eagles who are cared for by the staff. Many have been injured and left unable to fly or be returned to the wild. For the Citizen Potawatomi, the eagle is a sacred messenger between people on Earth and their Creator. Caring for the injured birds, which are also the national symbol of the United States of America, is a responsibility the tribe has taken on since opening the aviary in 2012.

If you would like to learn more about the CPN Eagle Aviary, visit www.potawatomiheritage.org/#aviary.



The unnamed visitor perched in one of the aviary's pecan trees after a wet April morning flight.



Smithsonian
National Museum of the American Indian



PATRIOT NATIONS

SAN MANUEL
BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

NATIVE AMERICANS IN OUR NATION’S ARMED FORCES



The Native American Women Warriors lead the grand entry during a powwow in Pueblo, Colorado, June 14, 2014. From left: Sergeant First Class Mitchelene BigMan (Apsáalooke [Crow]/ Hidatsa), Sergeant Lisa Marshall (Cheyenne River Sioux), Specialist Krissy Quinones (Apsáalooke [Crow]), and Captain Calley Cloud (Apsáalooke [Crow]), with Tia Cyrus (Apsáalooke [Crow]) behind them. Photo by Nicole Tung



AT THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION
CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER
DURING FESTIVAL

New traveling exhibition available

Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation’s Armed Forces tells the remarkable history of the brave American Indian and Alaska Native men and women who have served in the United States military. Native peoples have participated in every major US military encounter from the Revolutionary War to today’s conflicts in the Middle East, serving at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other ethnic group.

The contributions of Native servicemen and women have been largely unrecognized. This will soon change. The Patriot Nations exhibition announces the development of the National Native American Veterans Memorial, requisitioned by Congress to be placed on the grounds of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.



General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in the South Pacific, on an inspection trip of American battle fronts, late 1943. From left: Staff Sergeant Virgil Brown (Pima), First Sergeant Virgil F. Howell (Pawnee), Staff Sergeant Alvin J. Vilcan (Chitimacha), General MacArthur, Sergeant Byron L. Tsingine (Diné [Navajo]), Sergeant Larry Dekin (Diné [Navajo]). U.S. Army Signal Corps

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION
FESTIVAL CEDAR BOX CONTEST

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is developing a cottage industry for local craftsmen to construct feather boxes from Eastern Red Cedar grown on CPN land. Eagle feathers are sacred to Potawatomi culture but are attacked by insects, which cedar repels.

Box designs and local craftsmen are needed. The cedar box contest will assist in this. Winning box design submissions will be turned into kits sold at CPN Gift Shop. Box submissions must meet these requirements:

- Boxes may vary in size from 4” X 4” X 14” outside to 7” X 7” X 21” outside.
- Boxes must be finished on the outside (wax, tung oil, lacquer, shellac, varnish, etc)
- Boxes must be partially felt lined on the inside, otherwise left unfinished.
- Hardware, if any, must be solid brass.
- Boxes may be decorated in addition to the finish.

Prizes will be awarded for first through third place. All boxes will be held by CPN for 30 days. Boxes will be used to create patterns for cedar box kits, which will be sold by the Citizen Potawatomi Gift Shop and Eagle Aviary.

- Entries must be submitted to the CPN Department of Real Estate Services festival week; however, the deadline for submission is noon on Friday, June 23, 2017.

130 E. MacArthur, Suite 204 A
Shawnee, OK 74804 | 405-395-0113

- Boxes will be judged by committee and the winners announced at the General Council Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2017.



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI
GIFT SHOP



Tribal Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett

With the 10th anniversary of the creation of the new tribal legislature, I believe it is a good idea to remember how we came to have this new form of government and those who played an essential part in it.

Thirty three years ago we began the CPN Regional Council Meetings. These meetings were held because the constitutional amendment of 1985 allowed all of our members to vote in tribal elections without having to travel to Shawnee on the last Saturday in June to vote in person...since everyone could now vote in 1985, the tribal government felt it was absolutely necessary for the government to go out to visit the people to allow tribal members to voice their opinions to a real candidate for office, face to face.

From this legacy of the "government going to the people" and holding face-to-face meetings came the present government in which every Citizen Potawatomi over 18

years of age can vote for a representative of their own part of the country to speak for them in a tribal legislature they can watch in person or over the Internet! No other tribe has this openness in their government.

Over the 33 years we shaped and experimented to create this unique government, a number of people served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as "Regional Council Representatives."

These were not elected people. They were volunteers who barely had their expenses covered and who tirelessly gave form to the dream we were all trying to make a reality – a tribal government that represented us all, not an elite who served on the remnants of a former BIA reservation trying to make a functional government out of a 1936 Tribal Constitution written to almost certainly guarantee instability and failure.

The BIA paid many of our people to leave the reservation. The Dust Bowl, the Great Depression and World War II and did the rest. We could not get two thirds of our people back to Oklahoma to vote, but we could figure out a way to take the tribe to them. These "Regional Council Representatives" were our "first in line" who helped to inform

Citizen Potawatomi in their region about the Nation, helped organize the meetings and ceremonies and gave the Nation a local identity. We are indebted to them for these years of effort and representation. Many of them have "Walked On" and are no longer with us except in spirit. But let us vow to never forget them. Like any family endeavor, it was not all "smooth sailing." There was friendship. There was conflict. But always there was kinship and progress towards what we now have.

Our gratitude and prayers go with you: Lou Ellis, Marge Hobdy, Chuck Goyer, Thom Finks, Jeremy Finch, Gene Lambert, Cheryl DeGraff, Mrs. Craig Anderson, Mary Ellen Vieux Clinton, Rocky Baptiste, Philonese Williams, Susan Campbell, James Higbee, Penny Bishop, Maryann Bell, Gayle Halterman and Mrs. Dave Fincher.

It is through these people's efforts and those that followed them into the tribal legislature that we have seen a rebirth the Citizen Potawatomi culture. We now have more storytelling, naming ceremonies, weddings, dancing, drumming, singing, arts, painting, bead work, personal regalia, and more earnest efforts to learn and pass on our ceremonies and old ways than ever before.

The workings of the tribal government are now broadcast over the Internet and are published in the Hownikan. The promise made more than 30 years ago that the government would be returned to the people has come true. This is a return to our old form of government utilizing the innovations of the future. Before the coming of the white man our government was historically a representative democracy run by village elders and chosen leaders. They would have to travel to a central place and meet in council to deal with issues affecting the entire tribe. We are now spread far beyond what any group of people could reasonably travel and keep there jobs and family together. The information age has now eliminated the need for such travel due to the tribal legislature's Internet teleconferencing system. But we have returned to the old form as closely as is possible. We see and speak to each other in real time, just like the days of the "long house."

The traditions of our tribe are your personal birthright. All of you own every ceremony the Potawatomi have had for hundreds of generations. Every Citizen Potawatomi is entitled to know and celebrate these old ways. Please claim this birthright and learn about them so you can pass them on. Under feder-

al and tribal law, there is no such thing in our tribal nation as "blood degree." Every one of you is 100 percent Citizen Potawatomi if you are an enrolled citizen of the Nation. There is no "partial citizenship."

You are an American Indian by tradition in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation...our traditions for over a thousand years have always been that our tribe is made up of those who "share the blood of our forefathers" and live and practice the ways of the Potawatomi. While our practices have changed with the times, we are still acting as a tribe, still observing our customs, culture and traditions. The blood you share is not diminished in each new generation. Every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi shares a common history, blood, language, art, music, territory, and government. Each of you has an equal share. As your children are born, they too will have an equal share.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual Family Reunion Festival.

Migwetch
(Thank you),

John "Rocky" Barrett
Keweoge
(He Leads Them Home)
Tribal Chairman



Vice-Chairman - Linda Capps

A good example is if each tribal member of the approximately 33,000 would get a payment of \$700 for the year, the total sum would equal roughly \$23,100,000. In addition, the costs of the administration and postage of paying out 33,000 checks would be at least another \$800,000. Those who are under 18 years of age, would need a special account; therefore, \$800,000 may not even be sufficient. What I am trying to convey is that per capita payments for 33,000 tribal members represents an astronomical amount of money.

If I were forced to decide which programs to cut in order to give the per capita payments in the example above, I would be at a loss. I can guess on a portion of the programs that would have to be dropped, but in the end, the programs that I list do not equal \$23 million. There would have to be programs in addition to what I am listing. Only programs that are provided by federal funding agreement would survive. The following list is only my opinion because the legisla-

ture would have the final say, but being at headquarters on a daily basis and working with the budget to a great extent, I feel that I have a good understanding of what may have to go.

The programs that would have to be discontinued in order to make an annual per capita payment do not paint a pretty picture. I believe few people want to forego the benefits that our tribe has offered for years. The following programs would probably cease, but in a best case scenario, be greatly diminished for sure. The CPN Tribal Scholarship Program, the CPN Burial Policy, the Potawatomi Leadership Program, Health Aids, the CPN Health Services Pharmaceutical Program, housing assistance, cultural heritage programs, the CPN Language Department, Indian Child Welfare, the CPN Tribal Court System, the CPN Realty Program...the list goes on.

Even with these programs, this still does not total \$23 million dollars. The employees serving the tribe and its members in these programs

would lose their jobs. The large portion of contract health dollars that are subsidized with tribal profits would be gone, meaning a cut in services. The tribe would cease to grow and services weaken. It is my fervent wish that you would consider the consequences of per capita payments to 33,000 tribal members.

And now for a bit of levity:

On a happy note, I have visited five district meetings in recent weeks...two in Texas, two in Kansas and one in Arkansas. Each meeting did my heart good because I was able to see our legislators, friends, former neighbors and genuinely good CPN tribal members. The very best part of being the vice-chairman of CPN is having the opportunity to know and meet so many tribal families. There are success stories of young people everywhere we visit in all of the districts. Sometimes we fail to mention our own state, which is also full of success stories. Recently, Danyele Simmons from Oklahoma Wesleyan University's School of Nursing graduated. Danyele, whose

heritage family is Lamirand, is from Tulsa.

We have three CPN Shawnee High School baseball players who have excelled in the classroom and on the baseball field for their high school career. These three young men are part of Oklahoma High School Class 5A State Championship baseball team, which has received recognition nation-wide as the best high school baseball team in the United States. Our three CPN tribal members, Jake Taylor, Tanner Sparks and Chad Self are key players to their team's success. I am fortunate to know both players and families very well. These three young men are outstanding! Congratulations to the entire Shawnee High School baseball team.

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Bozho
(Hello),

I have a couple of messages to send out to our tribal members in this column. One is of dire importance. I hope that every tribal member, employee, vendor, outside participant and friend of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation reads this message. It is one of high importance. It is not exaggerated. It is the scary truth!

The topic of per capita payments has been the forefront issue of every past election in which the office of chairman is on the ballot. This election is no different. Whenever a person asks me about per capita payments, my answer is primarily, "Do the math."



District 1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho nikan
(Hello friend),

My wife Julia and I are beginning to recover from our driving trip from Kansas City to South Bend, Indiana where we held our District 1 meeting on the campus of Notre Dame on April 29. The meeting was well attended and the agenda included a talk by Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett about our great Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the progress we

have made during the past 30 years. It also included a talk by Rich Myers about the Potawatomi in the area of South Bend and a tour of the campus and the log chapel where Father Petit, who accompanied the Potawatomi on the Trail of Death, is buried.

As is our custom at these meetings, we honored our wisest member in attendance, Bob Pearl at 91 years young. Bob is my cousin and he lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

We honored our youngest member, Felix Johnson, born on January 17, 2017 along the member who traveled the farthest to the meeting, Jim Anderson from New York. We also had a drawing for a ribbon shirt or ladies shawl. The lucky winner was Anna

Johnson who chose the ladies shawl. Anna is the mother of our youngest member Felix Johnson.

This was not my first trip to Notre Dame, one of my granddaughters, Melissa (my oldest son Rodney’s daughter) graduated from there. During her senior year she did one semester on the Rome campus. She is now married and has two beautiful daughters, and lives and teaches in Rome. This may turn out to be a good thing, giving this retired airline employee a reason to visit Rome again.

We had a lot of graduates in the May Hownikan and I want to recognize two of CPN District 1’s graduates as well. Congratulations to Michael Patrick Dockry who graduated from the University of Saint Thomas in Minnesota with a BA in Business Administration. Also graduating was Virginia A. Godfrey of St. Paul, Minnesota who graduated with an MA in Education Psychology.

As always I will close this article with a plea for your contact information. If you do not occasionally receive email or snail mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information and due to privacy issues the Nation



Chairman Barrett holds our youngest attendee, Felix Johnson with his proud parents and brother standing by.



Chairman Barrett, wisest attendee Robert Pearl and Roy.



Chairman Barrett with Jim Anderson, furthest travelled.

cannot provide me with that information. I can be reached at Rslavin@potawatomi.org.

Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your representative on the legislature.

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District 2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikanek
(Hello friends),

Little Rock: I am writing this column while flying home from an all-Potawatomi weekend. It started Saturday with the District 2 Family Meeting I hosted in Little Rock. I later met up for dinner with Dixie Morgan Quinn/Mkedemkokwe, who

couldn’t make the meeting because of her work as an EMT in Little Rock. After an overnight of torrential downpours and tornado and flash flood warnings, Sunday dawned with a naming ceremony for Mark Ward/Zhawensen (Higbee family) and his sons Tanner/Netmozhan and Blake/Gawset, as well as for Delores Casey/Mno bsentagekwe (Toupin family), at the Wards’ home in Benton, Arkansas. It is a challenge to get to Little Rock from Washington D.C. – the trip connected through St. Louis and the return was through Dallas (at least BBQ smoke wafted through the air in both connecting airports) – but it’s a lot of fun to be

there. This was my second visit and I look forward to returning again to explore more of the city and to reconnect with Potawatomi relatives.

I so appreciated having Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and her daughter Kim Brown with us, and enjoyed seeing Linda reunite with meeting attendee Tina Worrell, who was a student of Linda’s and her late husband’s back in Tecumseh. I also was so pleased to have Reba Shewmaker and her husband of 71 years, Eddie Shewmaker, and their son Jim and daughter-in-law Doris, with us and to drape a gift blanket over Reba’s shoulders to recognize her as our wisest Potawatomi in attendance. Firekeeper David Thomasson/Gship-to brought his lovely wife Jackie and his abalone shell and the four elements (cedar, sweetgrass, sage and tobacco) and smudged the room ahead of our meeting, and everyone attending seemed to enjoy themselves. I know I did! I’ve include several photos with this column and have an album full of photos, available here (you don’t need to have a Facebook account to view them): <http://cpn.news/D2LittleRock>. For

Tanner Ward’s account of his naming ceremony, please visit <http://cpn.news/tannername>.

New Orleans: The Sunday just before the Little Rock meeting we also got together at Tujague’s in the French Quarter of New Orleans for a delicious meal, exchange of contact details among those attending, and a short presentation by Louisianan Lyle Simmons about how he got started dancing and creating his regalia. Lyle brought turbans, moccasins, roaches, eagle feathers and more and graciously answered our questions. Igwien (heartfelt thanks) Lyle, for sharing your know-how with us. Among the photos posted here: <http://cpn.news/D3NO>, you will see several of Lyle and the items he brought to share with us. I’ve included our group photo taken at the end of our fabulous meal.

Bone Marrow Donations: During the New Orleans lun-



Tanner Ward and Eva at his naming.

cheon, I learned about The National Blood Marrow Donor Program, which provides life-saving assistance to persons with blood cancers, and that Native people are not well-represented among potential donors – and therefore that Native Americans with blood cancers may be unable to find a life-saving match. For this reason, if you are between the ages of 18 and 44, I urge you to join the marrow registry at no cost to you. Please visit <https://bethematch.org> for



The Little Rock group.

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The New Orleans group.

all the details on the program and to register. Registering is the first step to becoming a marrow donor. I hope to also have our CPN Health Services clinics in Shawnee share this information with Potawatomi and other Native clients – and please feel free to broadcast it as well!

Hand Games During Festival: There will be a District 2 hand games team, with team hats in “Bluebird blue” (at least that’s my name for

it) from FireLake Designs, as has become our tradition – you don’t need experience to play, just good vibes and enthusiasm (and some stamina). Please let me know if you can join our team on the Friday night of Festival (June 23) in the Roundhouse. And please let me know if you are travelling from District 2 for the Festival – I’d love to catch up with you there.

Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any

assistance you might need. *Migwetch* (thank you) for the honor of representing you.

Bama pi
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Bozho nikanek
(Hello friends),

Last month, I mentioned that the final five of the planned six “Meet the District 3 Candidates” gatherings would be held in April. We had meetings scheduled in Wichita Falls, Abilene, Fort Worth, New Braunfels, and Conroe. We tried venues that were not hotels for a change, with the exception of Abilene. The Fort Worth meeting held at Texas Motor Speedway had the largest attendance,

District 3 - Bob Whistler

and both the chairman and vice-chairman were with us.

For the Fort Worth meeting, I invited the CEO of the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas. My objective was to make certain that their various free Indian Health Services were brought to the attention of as many of you as possible. The center is in Dallas, and they provide medical care, dental services, prescription drugs, a training and job placement as well as other services. For more information, please give them a call. The phone number is 214-941-1050. They are located at: 1261 Record Crossing Road, Dallas, TX 75235.

At this meeting, we recognized the wisest in attendance, Marge Hobdy, youngest, Destany Cunningham, and the person driving the furthest was Jahn Humphreys. In attendance at this



Wisest, Marge Hobdy, with Chairman Barrett and Bob Whistler.



Youngest in attendance, Destany Cunningham, with Bob and Chairman Barrett.



Chairman Barrett with furthest travelled, Jahn Eric Humphreys.

also preformed this same blessing for my youngest daughter when she bought a new residence. If any of you would like to have a copy of the blessing, please send me an email request, and I will forward it to you. For the ceremony you should use smoke. I tend to use either sema or sage for my smoke for this ceremony. *Sema* is a mixture of sweet grass, tobacco, cedar and sage that we burn in an abalone shell.

In order to leave room for photos, I decided to limit this month’s column. Family Festival will be taking place later this month, I hope to see all of you there. In addition, if you’re voting absentee, your ballot request form must be postmarked no later than June 4. The absentee ballot must be in the CPN PO Box by 10 a.m. on Election Day, June 24, 2017.

I want to thank each of you for the honor and privilege of representing you this last four years. It has been very rewarding. I hope I have served you well, and look forward for the opportunity to continue in this capacity.

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meeting was Robin Heisig, the daughter of Joan Elizabeth Green. Mrs. Green was an artist who in past years entered her art in the area meetings, and usually was the first or second place winner. Mrs. Heisig presented Mrs. Capps with a very nice assortment of Mrs. Green’s artwork that will be given to

our CPN Cultural Heritage Center. A few photos accompany this article.

After the Conroe meeting, I accompanied Andy and Cora Walters to Oak Ridge North. He is the chief of police there. I performed a Potawatomi building blessing of his new set of police offices. I have

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District 4 - Jon Boursaw

Four year career on the Kansas State University Women's Basketball Team comes to an end: Her graduation announcement was in May issue of the *Hownikan*, but it didn't tell the total story. Jessica Sheble's career as a collegiate basketball player also came to an end. A former All-League player at Olathe North High School, Jessica was a valuable member of the K-State Wildcat Women's Basketball Team for four years where she played primarily as a forward. Noted for her shot blocking ability, the 6'3 Jessica finished her career ranked seventh on the all-time K-State list for blocked shots. In 2017 Jessica was named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team

and in 2016 she was selected as Academic All-Big 12 Second Team. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology and plans to pursue work as an occupational therapist. Jessica is a descendant of the Navarre family.

Two more graduation announcements: The following graduation announcements were received after the May issue of the *Hownikan* was already being printed. Troy Dustin Underwood from Derby, Kansas graduated from Kansas State University with Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Chemical Engineering. Troy is a descendant of the Boursaw family. Brandon Lee Branscom also graduated from K-State with an education degree and associates in coaching. He is from the Pahmahmie family and is originally from Topeka, Kansas.

Recent Naming Ceremony in Rossville. On April 22, 11 CPN tribal members received their Indian names



Jennifer Perry and Marlene Sack receive their Potawtomi names from Lyman Boursaw.



Renae Meirer and Mike Martin.



Sydney Ice and Boursaw

at a ceremony in the prayer circle on the grounds of the CPN Community Center in Rossville, Kansas. First to receive their names from my brother Lyman were Marlene Sack, her son Eric, her daughter Jennifer and granddaughters Madison and Allison. They are descendants of the Denton family. Then Mike Martin gave his sister Renae Meirer her name. She is from the Navarre family.

I then presented Stacy Nocktonick-Hess, her son Sheldon and daughter Savana with their names. They are from the Nocktonick family, one of the oldest family names in the tribe. I then gave an Indian name to Mitch Saffle, also a Denton. Finally, it was my pleasure to give Sydney Ice her Indian name. Sydney is a member of the Bourassa/Ogee fami-

lies. This naming ceremony was rather unique as we used various individuals to tell the traditional stories involved in the naming. Lyman and I shared in telling the "Creation Story," Mike Martin told "How the Eagle Saved the Potawatomi" and Alyssa Frey, a 2017 PLP student, narrated the "Flood Story" to the group.

Final election comment: I would imagine by now most of you have marked and returned your ballots and I genuinely appreciate those you who supported me in my re-election campaign. For those who haven't submitted their ballots you should put it in the mail soon to ensure it arrives before election day June 24. You can chose to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 24. I believe my work as a legislator has helped our district and I hope to serve another four years. You can contact me by email, mail, phone or stop by the office. My contact information is listed below. As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your legislative representative and I look forward to being your representative for another four years.

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District 5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho nikanek
(Hello my friends),

Watching the Citizen Potawatomi people across the country, at home, or in our District 5 after 18 or 19 years continues to amaze and thrill me. The tribal rolls numbers have grown by significant rates while businesses, too numerous to mention, seem to open annually. Meanwhile the cultural advancement in our ceremonies and language progresses, which includes our eagles that fly. I am impressed at what we have built.

It takes a commitment from thousands of people from members and employees.

We should celebrate our successes both personal and professional.

The best way I would know how to do that would be to come to our Festival which continues its traditional time, the last weekend of June.

There is camping, RVing, hotels, motels, and maybe you have family there.

I can remember when we had intertribal powwows that could be a bit overwhelming to some. We CPN members had very few dancers and they were afraid to compete as the other tribes would attend, compete and walk away with the purse. Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett said he was tired of it and put a stop to the attendance with the exception of Citizen Potawatomi. The others were not happy. We however had a new lease on life. The intimidation had been huge back then.



Chairman Barrett with furthest traveled, Harley Gordo.

When the intertribal gatherings stopped our dancers were then encouraged to compete and to do

so in our own traditions. Good job chairman! We now have dancers who can compete with the best out there and they do.

It truly does my heart good to see the beautiful regalia designed and worn by our people and the ceremonial dances the Potawatomi way.

It isn't uncommon that during the old reservation days when we were moved so near other tribes that our traditions and ways were shared.

It is my understanding there was and are many names for the Festival in the past and even a time when the ceremonies were considered illegal.



Chairman with wisest, John Paine.

Some tribes called it a powwow, which is still very common. However, it was referenced as a gathering, festival, happening, big time, show and union.

It doesn't matter what you call it as much as you understand why we have the join-

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ing of our people on a yearly basis.

We share stories, ceremonies, learn, dance, honor our ancestors, share meals, and most importantly connect with our history and families. This is the fabric that keeps us alive and well. It is support for our daily lives. I highly recommend it for each family to honor their own each year. How else would you know who you are?

We are not Apache or Navajo. We are Potawatomi. We do have different traditions and ways. Regardless of your interests there will be some-

thing there for you. You will be glad you did and a better Citizen Potawatomi for it.

It is like going home.

I remember my first time in Shawnee as an adult trying to find out where the tribal complex was. There was a police officer who drove up next to my car and asked if she could help. I told her I was looking for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and she laughed and told me to follow her and she'd show me.

"I work for them", she said.

"Well, that was nice of her," I thought.

It also took a little pressure off. I was so afraid I would do or say the wrong thing.

After touring the beautiful and warm surroundings I settled within myself just a bit more. Having taken the time to talk to people there I noticed a warm, friendliness in their voices I did not expect. It was like meeting Uncle "So and so," it was calming. There wasn't the feeling of being an outsider; rather I belonged.

When the evening came and the Grand Entry started I could feel the drums in my soul. Have you ever had that

chill that runs throughout your body letting you know you are alive? Those were my feelings exactly.

I was home.

So if you haven't been don't be afraid or self-conscious like I was. There is a book out called "Acknowledge the fear and do it anyway."

So come.

If you have been keep coming back and bring the children so they will grow up knowing this magnificent tribe we belong to. Like me, you will love coming home!

Due to spacing in the last issue, I wasn't able to include two photos from our last District 5 meeting. So I have included them here, showing our meeting's furthest travelled attendee, Harry Gordon, and John Paine, our wisest member.

I hope to see you all at Festival, for more information updates see <http://cpn.news/festival2017>.

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District 6 - Rande K. Payne

John settled in the northwest corner of Pottawatomie County near Triple X Road and N.E. 23rd St., just east of the town of Choctaw. There, John and his wife Alice May Smith Tescier started a family. Over time there were many children, marriages, more children, cousins, aunts and uncles until there were Tescier's all up and down Triple X Road from N.E. 23rd St. to the North Canadian River. The John Isadore Tescier Memorial Bridge over the North Canadian River on Triple X Road was named after John. My mother grew up playing on and around the old bridge and what came to be known as Tescier (pronounced Tacey) Lake.

Family members have shared many stories about John. My mother remembered her grandpa as a gentile, quiet and caring man. She said he

didn't talk a lot but people always respected what he had to say. John loved his family and his community and was very involved in both. Mother said the family gatherings were "large and frequent."

John scratched out a living farming and was a member of the Choctaw Volunteer Horse Thief Posse. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him.

From what I've been able to glean about my great-grandfather I would say he embodied all the characteristics of the Seven Grandfathers. I picture him as a truthful and honest man, brave, wise and humble with respect for everyone and everything and most of all a loving heart.

John Tescier left his family a legacy of human goodness. I hope to carry on that legacy



John and Alice May Smith Tescier.

and share his story in a good way so that his legacy will live on in the hearts of his descendants for generations to come.

I wish everyone attending Family Reunion Festival a

great time with family this year. My contact information is listed below if you are attending and would like to get together or need assistance with anything. And I wish all the dad's a great Father's Day!

Wisdom from the Word: "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children..." Proverbs 13:22

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District 8 - Dave Carney

as gathering wild rice and berries. The men hunted deer, elk, and wild birds and caught fish. We also tapped trees for maple syrup. Obviously, this traditional way of living was far healthier and something that we can aspire to get back to, but for the weekend, we will enjoy the festival fare.

The highlights of Festival for me are:

Friday night Hand Games – a traditional Native American game of concealing two beads between the four hands of two partners and having the opponent guess where the beads are by pointing a stick. The rules are simple and can be taught in a few minutes. Where things get interesting (and sometimes contentious) is that there is money bet on the teams.

The games begin with Chairman Barrett auctioning off teams to the highest bidder.

Those budding on a team may be a CPN member or a local Shawnee entrepreneur. The basis of the decision of what would be a good or bad team to buy is hard to determine, primarily because the game is 90 percent luck and 10 percent skill. In any event, the winner of the auction owns the team and wins the lion's share of the pot of funds collected. It is traditional to share some of the pot with the winning team members and they in turn, tip the powwow drummers who sing throughout the event.

Saturday afternoon General Council - A general assembly meeting where the majority of Festival attendees hear the election results and the state of the Nation presentations made by the executive team.

Saturday evening powwow The final night of Festival weekend is largely focused on the powwow grounds

where members and their guests dance to the rhythm provided by the drum. There has been a special emphasis in the last few years to get attendees to dress and act in a respectful manner while participating. This has been successful to a large degree and more and more people are wearing regalia that they have purchased or have made themselves. Learn more about powwow and arena etiquette on the FAQ infographic in the special insert.

Ribbon shirts, shawls and skirts are available to purchase at FireLake Gifts and from vendors on the fairgrounds. Classes are also offered in the Cultural Heritage Center for members to make some items that can be worn. These classes are a great opportunity and available on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday spiritual pursuits Many members take the opportunity to receive their

Potawatomi name at this time (after asking well in advance and coordinating with their namer) in one of the prayer circles close to the fairgrounds. In addition, there is a non-denominational Christian service, coordinated by Vice-Chairman Capps, in the old Shaker Church. It is a special gathering.

While these are my highlights, there are other valuable opportunities to explore the CPN past and present by making a trip to the CHC Archives, the CPN Eagle Aviary, Sacred Heart and more.

I look forward to seeing you at the fairgrounds!

Bama pi
(Later),

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What to expect from the 2017 Family Festival

During the CPN Festival, our members (including me) eat large quantities of hot dogs, bratwurst, fried bologna sandwiches and fry bread. None of these items would be considered health food by anyone of average intelligence, but they won't hurt you in moderation either – of at least that's what I tell myself.

The Potawatomi Indians traditionally were farming people. Potawatomi women planted and harvested corn, beans, and squash, as well



Angela M. Goheen passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2017 of Pueblo, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her mother: Norma Jean Goheen. Survived by her life Partner of 20 years: Loyed Whiteley; her father: Marion Goheen, sisters: Doris & Michelle Goheen; brother: Steve Goheen; daughter: Debra Jean Goheen; special niece: Maggie Crum; nine grandchildren: Mike, Scott, Taylor, Marissa, Nickoles, Ashton, Emma, Phoenix and Layla; two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Memorial services were held on March 29 in Pueblo, Colorado.



Eddie Lee Moore from Choctaw, Oklahoma passed from this Earth into the arms of his Heavenly Father on April 4, 2017. Eddie was born to Ray and Jessie Moore on July 31, 1933 in Harrah, Oklahoma, or as he proudly liked to say, "Harrah, America!" He graduated from Harrah High School in 1951. Eddie attended a dance at the VFW in 1952 where he met Sue Bourlon from Jones, Oklahoma. He asked her on a date that

evening and they've been together ever since, celebrating 61 years of marriage this past August.

Eddie learned about hard work at a young age due to losing his father to an unexpected death. He was only 15 years old, but began working to help support his mother and six siblings. After graduation from high school Eddie worked as an installer for Western Electric/AT&T for 35 years.

Anyone who knew Eddie knew of his ability to find humor in almost every life situation. Nicknames were one of his signature trademarks... his children and grandchildren all had them! His competitive spirit led him to interact with others through a good game of Pitch, checkers or chess, as well as coach several adult sport teams in his younger years. Being Eddie's family member or friend meant you likely have played these games, if only once. His expertise of chess and checkers resulted in many championships at the Indian Festival of the Citizen Pottawatomie Nation; a heritage he was extremely proud to claim.

A hearty garden was always an extension of his home until the last few years. Even when he couldn't garden anymore he still was generous with his bounty from his many apple trees allowing neighbors and friends to come pick freely, even staking a sign in the front yard. One of Ed's joys of life was farming the land in Earlsboro, Oklahoma. He and his brother-in-law, Hub Reed owned this together. This 160 acre farm was affectionately titled "Paradise" because he said it was the closest thing to heaven without being there.

Eddie is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Ray and Jessie Marie Moore and his siblings Julia and Harold of Harrah, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Sue Moore, his daughter Terri Ragsdale of Choctaw, Oklahoma; his daughter Kathy Henry, spouse Greg, of Choctaw; son Mike Moore, and his wife, Lorie of Choctaw; and Lori Merrill and her husband, Steve, of Edmond, Oklahoma. Also, his nine grandchildren whom he loved to tease: Bryan Duncan, Amber Reynolds, Kristen Sweet, Jessica Nightingale, Joshua Merrill, Brandon Moore, Jonathan Merrill, Brooke Griffin and Rachel Franzoni. He also leaves behind his 13 great grandchildren, Gage, Bree, Reagan, Reese, Hadlee, Titus, Rory, Paisley, Emma, Sawyer, Kate, Oliver and Jackson. His sisters Evelyn Hopcus of Shawnee; Marilyn Clark and her husband Don of McComb, Oklahoma; Rosa Reed and her husband Hubert of Johnson, Oklahoma; Linda Capps of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to the CPN Diabetic Clinic at 2307 Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Choctaw, Oklahoma. Eddie was buried at Harrah Memory Lane Cemetery.



Graveside services remembering and celebrating the life of Katherine Helen Smith Ledlow were held at Rest Haven Memory Gardens in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is resting with family members there.

She was born in Kansas City, Missouri on March 14, 1921 and died in Granbury, Texas on April 7, 2017. She was 96 years old.

She had a long eventful life. She graduated from Central High School

in 1938. She was a wife and mother as well as having jobs such as photography or receptionist, office work and accounting. She worked at the *Daily Oklahoman* in Oklahoma City. She retired from Tinker AFB in Midwest City, Oklahoma after working in the commissary office and finance travel office.

She was a very good artist in her spare time but most important, she was a wonderful mother with a kind heart and great sense of humor. She was creative in many ways and raised her children lovingly.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Franklin Joseph Smith and Ruby Genet McKee Smith; husband: Claude W. Ledlow; son: Larry Dean Ledlow; sister: Edna Viola Smith Batson; brothers: Frank Gene Smith and Luther Raymond Smith.

She is survived by daughter: Claudia Kay Ledlow McWatters and husband William Robert; daughter-in-law: Diane Barrett Ledlow; brother-in-law: Clifford O Batson; grandchildren: David McWatters, Kenneth McWatters, Brian McWatters, Ricky Ledlow, Regina Ledlow Lechleitner, Kristen Ledlow Smith, Barbara Batson Cranford, Mark Batson, Debra Batson; great-grandchildren: Allison McWatters, Greg McWatters and Zachary Smith.

Katherine was proud of her Potawatomi heritage through her mother's line including the McKee, Letendre and back to our original Potawatomi grandmother *Keecheesqua*.

Hau ndenwémagnek
Ho my relatives

Ébyé yak shote ngom
We have come here today

Éwi nesh myé yak ode wdenwéma
To lay our brother to rest

Ngom she épam sét ode
Today he walks

Ga wje zhyé wat gi gambojek
Among those who have passed on

I yé i ébgednoyak ode ngemwen
That is why we offer this song

Émno shketot wa je zhyat ibe shpemsegok
That his journey will go well where he goes above

Iw énaj moyan
That's all I have to say

A Potawatomi prayer for a specific loved one who has walked on.

By Don Perrot

A Funeral Prayer

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Please note: Once a CPN Tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information please call Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5835 or email cclark@potawatomi.org.